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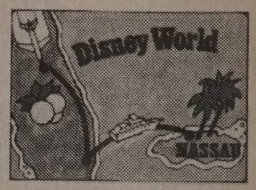

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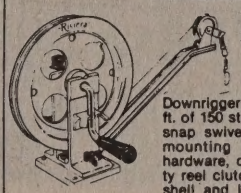

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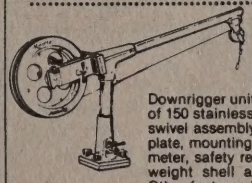

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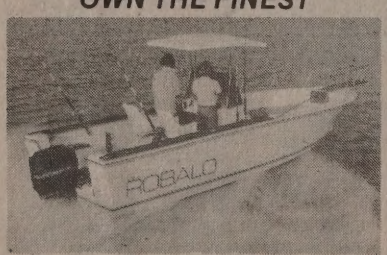

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EDITORIAL

EFFORTS TO STOP OCEAN DUMPING

In recent months the issue of ocean dumping has again exploded upon us. Perhaps we, on Long Island, are best informed about the dumping of dredge spoils in Long Island Sound north of Lloyds Point, yet ocean dumping continues to be a worldwide as well as a nation-wide problem. According to Ken Hamlet of the National Wildlife Federation, our oceans are viewed as a resource that should be free of most of the restraints complex societies have had to place on the use of natural resources in this century. This is a view held by many people who find it financially and politically expedient to hold this view.

We, at The Long Island Fisherman, are confounded by this view as well as our nation's inability to deal effectively with this problem. We have developed complex computer, space, and weaponary technology, but we somehow cannot seem to control and redirect our disposal of sewage and toxic materials. To some, the ocean is there and it's cheap, so—dump! Over the recent span of several decades there have been laws passed to control dumping and there are state and Federal agencies created to control dumping and, in general, protect the environment and its wildlife from the ravages of too many people and the products of technology and civilization. There have been many successes such as the ban on DDT, the preservation of vast tracks of wilderness, and the preservation of species threatened by extinction. However, in ocean dumping we have seemingly climbed onboard a merry-go-round and no matter what we do or how fast we go, we ultimately come back to the same place.

Of course, the reasons for our lack of success to restrict ocean dumping are obvious. There is a lot of money involved in continuing to dump in the nearby ocean. Consider the case of tugboat operators and the idea that originated a few years back to dump the sewage from New York City much further out to sea. Obviously, it costs more money to dump farther out to sea. It costs more in fuel and more for labor. Traditionally, the barges dump the sewage spoils at the "12 mile site" which is about eleven nautical miles south of Long Island. If the law were changed to require dumping at 100 miles out, let's say, what do you think would happen? If you owned the tugs and barges, where might you try to dump if your motivations were questionable? Sure, you'd save all kinds of money and dump at the old site. Now, we have been unsuccessful in getting the Coast Guard to enforce marine violations within a mile or two of a Coast Guard Station, so what do you think would be the chances that they would enforce a dumping at 100 miles? Then there is the question of whether or not it is wise to dump spoils farther out to sea. We think it is not wise. We have already ruined the "12 mile site," so why destroy a new one? Will the fish and invertebrates be any less susceptible to the sewage and toxic chemicals in deeper water? It is true that if you dump far enough out to sea that the ocean becomes very much less productive; yet it is also true that these portions of the ocean are much more fragile and will be more severely affected by the pollution that would result. Therefore, we believe deeper ocean dumping is not a REAL solution to the problem. Economically, it won't work; enforcement is not practical, and it is a move of questionable ecological value.

Several years ago we worked with then Congressman Jerome Ambro to pass a law in Congress that was to severely restrict the dumping of dredge spoils in Long Island Sound. In effect, it was an amendment to the Ocean Dumping Act that would include Long Island Sound. What good are laws if we end up discussing the situation again and again. The answer is in big business. Permits can be requested and the overseeing agency makes a decision. There are public hearings. Even if the decision goes against those requesting the permits, those individuals can appeal the decision. More public hearings. If those seeking the permits on appeal lose the appeal, they can then test the law and the agency decision in court. Although court cases are expensive, if the potential economic gain is large enough, the cost of the litigation may be worthwhile. In short, the process goes on and on interminably. It may be possible for the dumper to receive court approval to continue dumping while the case is in litigation. The litigation can drag on for years. It is possible, depending upon the case, for the dumping to be complete by the time the court rules, rendering the decision moot. The net effect of this marvelously complicated political and legal merry-go-round system is that the people become worn down, they lose interest; those groups that wish to protect the environment may run out of money, key people can pass away leaving a leadership void, and since most environmentalists and groups are non-profit or volunteers, pressing

business and family matters can pressure people to give up the fight.

The system stinks. The EPA was established, as the name implies, to protect the environment. It often appears, however, that the EPA is more concerned with the protection of business and the status quo. Why isn't EPA a hard-nosed, stick-to-the-rules agency? Why don't judges recognize that if the environment collapses that so likely will society? Why can't we get fast tough action? We wonder about these questions, too, and we challenge Federal, state and local governments to deal with ALL environmental priorities as if they were matters of life and death, because in the long run indeed they will be. We can deal aggressively with these problems now while they are still workable and there is enough resource and habitat to resurrect, or we can wait for the crisis and tell each other what a pity it is that we or the "they" didn't do something soon enough!

To our credit as human beings motivated by rules of good and justice, there are many people concerned about this problem of ocean dumping. These folks have been busy and active for years in the struggle. Often they are out there with their fingers in the holes in the dike with little or no broad-based support.

We are, therefore, happy to report that the National Wildlife Federation has joined the fight against ocean dumping. In a news release dated April 27, 1982, the NWF announced they are joining EPA in six Federal lawsuits dealing with ocean dumping phase-out rules. The National Wildlife Federation wants to try and prevent the EPA from settling these suits without addressing environmental concerns. In the lawsuits, municipalities claim that the intention of the law is that EPA can only prevent the ocean dumping when the "harm to the ocean outweighs the incremental costs and impacts on land-based alternatives." The National Wildlife Federation is contending that the regulations are implementations of the 1977 Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act (Ocean Dumping Act). We applaud the efforts of the National Wildlife Federation and we suggest to the many of you who have written inquiring about how you can get involved that you write to the address at the end of this editorial.

Happily, we can also report that the National Wildlife Federation was awarded a grant in April of 1982 from the William H. Donner Foundation of $125,000 "...to strengthen the Federation's efforts to discourage the use of the oceans as dumping grounds for harmful wastes. The project will work to maintain strong Federal regulations for ocean dumping, and will seek out environmentally sound alternatives to the disposal of sewage and dredge spoils."

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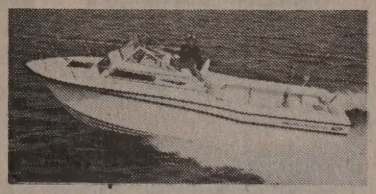
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We'd like to express our thanks through your media and offer the two captains the nickname "Cod Father." *Guy Decatrel, Manalapan, NJ.*

It is very easy for someone to have a bad day. When a captain and crew have a bad day, we hear about it. On the other hand, when a crew works hard and produces, and makes a fine day for fishermen, we seldom hear about it. Therefore, it is terrific to get a letter like this and it was nice of you to take the time to give credit where credit was due. There are a lot of good people in our industry and they try hard everyday. For the most part, these efforts are not recognized. We all like a pat on the back when we do a good job and boat captains are no exception. Dr. W.A. Muller.

BALDWIN R&G COMMENTS ON BASS BILL

The membership of the Baldwin Rod & Gun Club, Inc., one of the oldest incorporated clubs of its kind on Long Island, would like to make the following public statement regarding striped bass management and request that you publish it in the *Chum Lines* column.

Back in 1978 (four years ago) a bill to increase the size limit of striped bass from 16" fork length (FL) to 26" FL (authored by *Save Our Stripers, Inc.*) was passed by both houses of the State Legislature. This bill was vetoed by Governor Hugh Carey on advice from DEC that a striped bass management plan was "in the works" and would soon be forthcoming. Now in 1982, DEC, after openly admitting to significant declines in striped bass stocks, has finally put a "plan" into bill form. This bill, which only increases the minimum length of harvestable striped bass to 18" overall (an actual increase of 9/10") and which among other things includes a season closure, doesn't, in our opinion, do very much to reduce the ever-increasing fishing pressure on this resource from both commercial and recreational fishing. However, this bill is a *start.* New York State is finally taking the responsibility of managing the striped bass. (It seems timely here to note that the last action taken by New York to "protect" the striped bass was in 1939 (43 years ago) when legislation was passed to have the 16" FL minimum size made into law.)

We, in the Baldwin Rod & Gun Club are *only* concerned that this fishery remain a viable one, both for commercial harvesting and recreational angling. We hope that many responsible organizations and citizens will put a lot of pressure on the State Legislature to increase the level of protection for the striped bass, possibly next year, by increasing the minimum size to 24" FL and/or by other means. It is important to note that this 24" size limit has been, or is being adopted by most of our neighboring states in coastal waters as was recommended in Federal/State striped bass management proposals, and that DEC's biologists have stated that the female would have a chance to spawn at least once at this size before being harvested. However, it is imperative, NOW, that New York, as a *KEY* state, adopt this current management bill in order to establish a base for the continuing management of our striped bass resource.

We therefore urge all fishermen to support this bill and request that your legislators be contacted and urged to push this bill through so that we can show our neighboring states that the "do nothing" State of New York is DOING SOMETHING! *Andy Yankaus, Jr., Pres., Baldwin Rod & Gun Club, Inc.*

STOP SLAUGHTER OF SPRING SPAWNING WEAKS!

This gives me the opportunity to write you guys and let you know how much I enjoy your fine publication. I find most of your articles interesting and informative; especially about different spots to try and the best techniques to use (Hudson River Spring Stripers).

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seen these men at work and the problem seems to be getting *much* worse.

How about an article about this problem? Print names of Congressmen, Assemblymen and anyone else who can lobby for the protection of our sport and these beautiful fish.
Joel Roth, Hempstead, NY.

Let's begin by making something very clear. The gill netting in and near Great South Bay alone cannot endanger the weakfish. However, heavy pressure throughout the range of the species could severely impact on the size of the stock and theoretically could bring about a premature demise of the fishery. In such cases we've argued for many years for management plans to restrict harvesting ON the spawning grounds and redirect effort to other locations and at other times. To us this seems like a very viable approach to the biological end of things. It will not prevent harvest, but redirect it to different times and places and this shift will give the species unencumbered opportunities to spawn. Of course, whether or not they succeed in their spawning is up to Nature. However, there is another issue here and it is a social issue. Let's take a look at this spring, for example. With very few exceptions, the recreational harvest of weakfish was TERRIBLE! The commercial catch, on the other hand, was still large; large enough to drive the price down to very low levels. This points out a fundamental principle that clearly separates the harvest methods of the two user groups. In recreational fishing, the fish must choose to strike. Thus, hook and line fishing is very specific and specialized. In order for recreational fishermen to take fish, even in reasonable amounts, requires a large body of fish. Without large numbers of individuals, the competition for food declines and the fish become very wary and reluctant to feed enthusiastically when large amounts of bait become available. This concept is well understood by scientists. Thus, recreational techniques cannot deplete a species. We are forced to seek other species long before stocks decline anywhere near critical levels. This is not the case for commercial techniques. Commercial harvesting continues at high levels until there are few fish because fish are sought and taken where they congregate either for food or for wintering. The vitality of the recreational fishing industry should be of paramount importance to legislators because its value in New York State is TEN times that of the commercial finfish harvest activities. This figure has been well documented. Thus, it becomes important to redirect commercial activities if these activities could endanger the vitality of the recreational industry. Clearly, this spring, commercial weakfish harvests have seriously damaged the recreational weakfishing. Another basic concept is that if a good year class can be spread out through restrictions on

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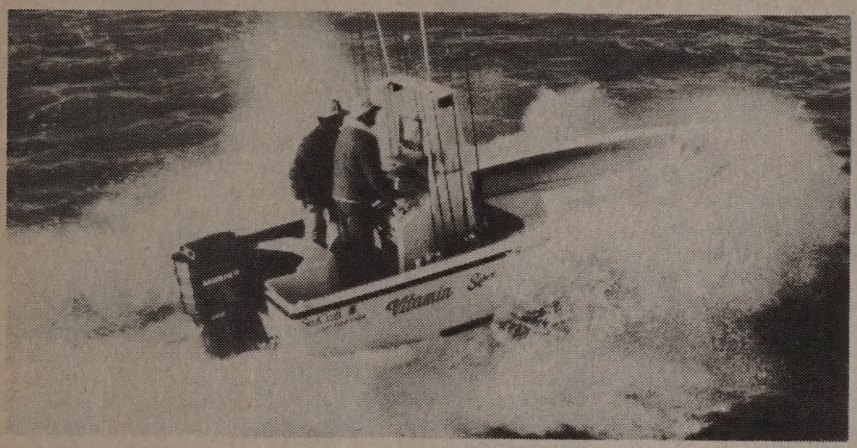

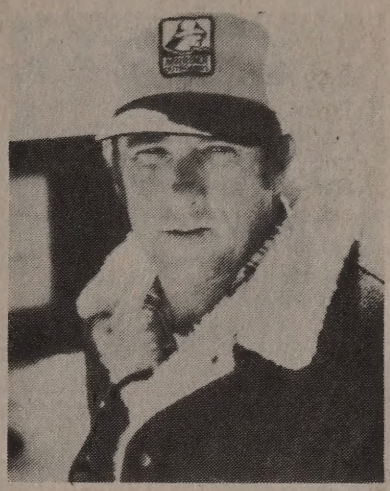

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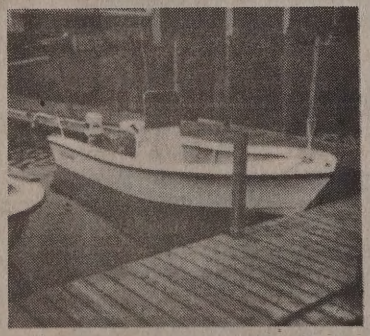

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BOAT LAUNCHING RAMPS

Please send me a copy of your publication "Public Fishing Ramps on Long Island." I'm not sure about the title but I have seen a copy of the publication. Thank you. *B. Valentini, Astoria, NY.*

Yes, several years back we did offer a printed list of boat launching ramps on Long Island. However, as you can well understand, some ramps close or decay, while others are built or renovated. Thus, it is very difficult to maintain an up-to-date list. The list from several years back is now very out of date. However, we are now in the process of securing a new up-to-date list and when we get it together (hopefully during this fishing season), we plan to publish it. So, keep an eye out. Dr. W.A. Muller.

WANTS A CLUB

I am a pleased subscriber, both my father and I love your paper, but we also want to know how to join an anglers club, but we don't know which one or how. Can you or whoever is reading this tell us what clubs there are and how should we go about joining one. A sincere reader, *Kurt Miller, Shoreham, NY.*

P.S.—Please write; and the other day I caught a 12 & 15 lb. cod and a 20 lb. pollack. How is that for only a year experience.

Since you live in Shoreham, the North Brookhaven Sportsmens Club comes to mind. However, there is another outlet for your inquiry. We get many, many letters on this and we must repeat what we always say. That is, check the Club News section of The Long Island Fisherman where, periodically, clubs give us information that they are looking for new members. We are pleased to publis this information and we hope that our readers who are interested in joining a club take advantage of these opportunities when they arise. Dr. W.A. Muller.

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RESULTS OF 6TH ANNUAL L.I. INTERCLUB WEAKFISH TOURNEY

The 6th annual Long Island Interclub Weakfish Tournament sponsored by the Atlantis Anglers took place on May 29 and 30. Thirteen clubs participated along with over 400 anglers. The Bayshore Tuna Club took first place honors from the defending champions, the Atlantis Anglers. The total weight of their three largest fish was 31 lbs. 5 oz., narrowly edging the Atlantic Anglers' 30 lbs. 2 oz.

There were over 30 individual prizes given out. First prize of a matched Shakespeare Ugly Stik and reel going to Tom Wisniewski of the Atlantic Anglers for the largest weakfish of 11 lbs. 6 oz. Second place, Howard Pincus, Atlantis Anglers for 11 lbs. Third place to Amavel Bento of the Bayshore Tuna Club, 10 lbs. 15 oz.

The Atlantis Anglers and myself would like to thank all the clubs and anglers for making this another great tournament despite the poor weather conditions during the tournament.

The third and final part of the Long Island Interclub for clubs only will take place on July 10 and 11 for fluke. Please call Mark Kaufman NOW for information before it is too late to enter. If your club is not entered, you are really missing out. (516) 798-3291.

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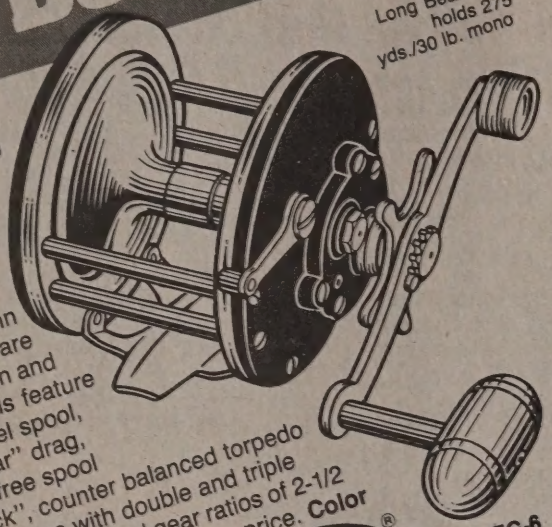

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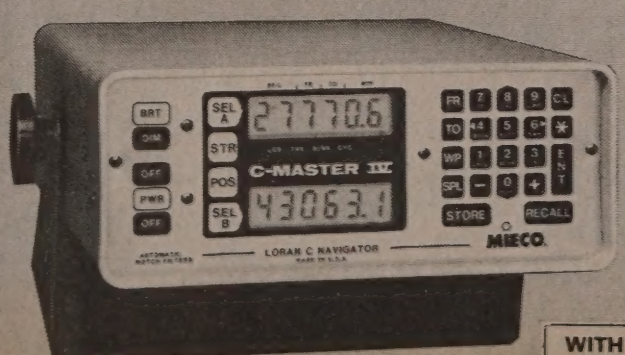

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key, long-time international sponsor of the Tall Ships' races, the Small Ships' event will feature vessels of the Marblehead and 12-Meter classes.

Some three dozen skippers will operate their mini-yachts from the shore, via radio controls, around a triangular course in the Yachting Center Basin.

Participating model yacht associations are Marblehead of Boston, Minute Man of Po Providence, and the Narragansett group.

During the event, the new Cutty Sark II will be demonstrated. Design and built as the world's most advanced model yacht, with eight remote-control operations, this ketch is 7' in overall height and 6' in length. It was built by Ronald Gould, Commodore of New York's Central Park Model Yacht Club.

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At the end of each year's Tall Ships' Races Cutty Cark Scots Whisky has traditionally presented the Cutty Sark Trophy, a sterling silver replica of the original Cutty Sark, to the ship judged as having done the most to promote international understanding durin the races, a biennial cadet-training competition organized by the Sail Training Association, the international group. A second award, the Cutty Sark Friendship Trophy, is presented to the vessel judged as having done the most to foster international understanding during the races organized by the American Sail Training Association.

Cutty Sark will also award trophies to the Class A and Class B Tall Ships that are first to finish the race from Philadelphia to Newport.

These honors, however, will take place after the Small Ships' Salute—during the week when the "big boys" come to town, June 23-26.

The Small Ships' Salute to the Cutty Sark Tall Ships' Races is under the direction of Jock West, executive director of the Newport Yachting Center.

SHARK CONSERVATION ADVISED BY SCIENTIST

John G. Casey, the shark biologist of the National Marine Fisheries Service, recently praised the Montauk Marine Basin for its pioneering in the practice of tagging and releasing the bulk of the catch in its Annual Shark Tag Tournaments.

Commenting on the upcoming 11th annual tournament, July 17 and 18, Casey issued an early warning against the indiscriminate and massive kills of mako sharks in particular. The sleek mako, in addition to yielding delicious steaks for dinner tables, is especially popular with big game sports anglers because of its spectacular leaps and powerful runs in being brought to the gaff.

"I would like to caution both commercial and sport fishermen against

taking the mako population for granted," the scientist said. "Too much activity could result in the decline of mako, particularly in local waters where they are a very important resource."

He explained that sharks are among the oldest living animals on earth, dating back to the Devonian Period (300-350 million years ago). The research team headed by Casey, who has devoted full time to the species for 21 years, is conducting studies designed to unravel mysteries ranging from behavior patterns to food habits and reproductive processes.

In the Marine Basin's tournament the boat captains and committee boats maintain radio contact so that only the potential winners in each category are boated and brought to the weighing station; the remainder are recorded, tagged and released from alongside the boats. The tagging of thousands of sharks by sport fishermen has been an integral part of Casey's research in migration patterns and growth rates of the fish, based on data supplied when fishermen recaptured tagged animals.

Once the fish brought to the dock in Montauk Harbor are weighed, Casey's team and other research groups from universities start work on various biological projects. Dissection of the sharks supplies more specimens and information.

FISHING FORECAST ON CH. 6 CABLE

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CAPTAIN'S TABLE:

SALSA DI CALAMARI

by Andy Regina

A while back I got a letter from LIF, enclosing a request they had received from a reader for some squid recipes. Across the lady's envelope was scribbled an urgent message, "Andy, can you field this one for us?" The guys out east were stuck again. It was an offer I could not refuse. The lady in question, Mrs. Angela Natale of Whitestone, had misplaced some previous issue of LIF that had contained some recipes for preparing squid, and she wanted to buy that back issue at any price. Realizing, by the urgency of their request, that the boys could not come up with some help for the lady, I quickly wrote to her, including one of our favorite squid recipes, and promised to try to get some into print at some future date. Today I keep my promise, bound by countless generations of Italian ethics to live by my given word. Of course, the strength of my roots has been tempered by three generations of life in the New World, so I can rationalize my tardiness with a Yankee euphemism: "It's better late than never"—but all the excuses in the world can't get a true Italian off the hook and a promise made is a promise kept to most of us.

I say "most of us," because I can remember Uncle Vito making promises at times that I knew were impossible to keep, even for him. He had his own philosophy about that anyway, as he did about everything, and that was that any promise made to people of low quality was not meant to be kept in the first place. How he sorted out people by his standard of quality was simple; he was, after all, really a simple man, with simple needs and simple tastes. If some of those needs ran to beautiful women, big cars, and hand-tailored suits, they also included close contact with his immediate family, meaning his relatives, and his tastes ran towards the peasant food of his youth. As he was a bachelor, he had no known family of his own, but considered my father's family as his own, and he loved my mother's cooking almost as much as he loved his brother. Mom delighted in having Uncle Vito to dinner because he truly enjoyed eating her old-fashioned cooking and was always highly complimentary about it. She, in turn, needed only some vague hint of his to prepare his favorite dish, and I always knew what she would cook on his next visit by the way he used to reminisce with Dad about some favored dish their mother used to make.

To get back to the point I was trying to make before: any promise my Uncle Vito made to us was always kept. We were his people of high quality, as were a few close paisans in our neighborhood, and all hard-working, honest people. He didn't have much use for many of his acquaintances (he never called them friends) and only tolerated them because they were necessary to his business. Hence, they were considered low-class, and it was no disgrace to break any promises made them. His peers, gentlemen of respect, he called them, were also accorded the rank of high-quality, and promises between them were as guaranteed as if a written contract had been agreed upon.

Today we pay our dues and offer our readers a delicious recipe for a spaghetti sauce made with squid. This creature is accepted heartily as gourmet fare throughout the world, and is considered quite a delicacy by Europeans and Asians alike, but is not, alas, as popular in our own country. There is a strong market for squid here, but most of it is for export, although there are still many of us who are familiar with it due to our respective heritages. Since this great country is made up of people who came here from all different parts of the world, it is only natural that many of us grew up on the cooking that these people brought over from the old country. As we grew up we all formed strong likes or dislikes for some particular food or another that our mothers prepared, and these habits carried through into our adult lives where we passed them on to our own children. Somewhere along the line we became familiar with the foods of other nations, perhaps by eating in a friend's house when we were kids or sampling some dish that a neighbor prepared. Like everything else, if we liked it we tried it again.

All I ask of anyone who has not tasted squid before is to give it a fair shake. Don't be like my little niece, who came to my house one evening with my sister just as we were sitting down to a dinner of linguine with squid sauce. Like everyone else, we invited them to join us, and my cute little niece insisted on sitting on my lap to eat with me, a fact that made me beam because we never had that little girl we always hoped for of our own. Anyway, after a few tentative tastes of my pasta, I slipped the kid a bit of squid, which she chewed and swallowed. As this was a new taste to her, she asked me what it was, then ran screaming to her mother that I was feeding her fish bait! First-timers should close their eyes and let their palates tell them how delicious it is; old hands at eating squid just pack it away and pass their empty plates for seconds!

The title of this recipe is Italian for, simply, squid sauce, and it goes perfectly with linguine, which is the one and only pasta we would ever consider using with any fish or seafood sauce. Other folks may consider spaghetti or ziti or something else "just as good" as linguine, but why settle for that when you can enjoy the best?

SALSA di CALAMARI

Ingredients (serves 4-6):

2 lbs. fresh squid
1 lb. linguine
2 tbs. imported olive oil
1 medium onion, sliced thin
2 stalks celery, chopped fine
2 sprigs Italian parsley, chopped fine (about one tsp.)
1 clove garlic, minced
1 tsp. oregano
1 can (35 oz.) imported Italian plum tomatoes, crushed
1/2 glass (4 oz.) dry white wine

Clean, wash, and cut squid into desired pieces. Two to three inches should do it, and save those tentacles too—they get cooked also. Let squid drain in colander until needed. Heat oil in saucepan and saute onions until they become soft but now browned. Add celery, parsley, and garlic, stir together in pan for two or three minutes, then add wine. Let simmer for ten minutes. Add tomatoes, oregano, and a pinch of salt, which we neglected to put on our list of ingredients. Cover saucepan and simmer for 45 minutes. Add squid and simmer for an additional 15 minutes. Pour over dishes of linguine that has been boiled in slightly salted water until it is "al dente," which means "to the teeth," which further translates into "slightly chewy" or "not too soft."

The perfect complements once again would be chunks of crusty Italian bread, a crisp green salad of perhaps chicory or escarole hearts, and a dry white wine, such as our favorite Bolla Soave, which incidentally would also be the ideal wine for your cooking too. Dig in and enjoy!

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COLOR THE SURF BLUE

by John Fritz

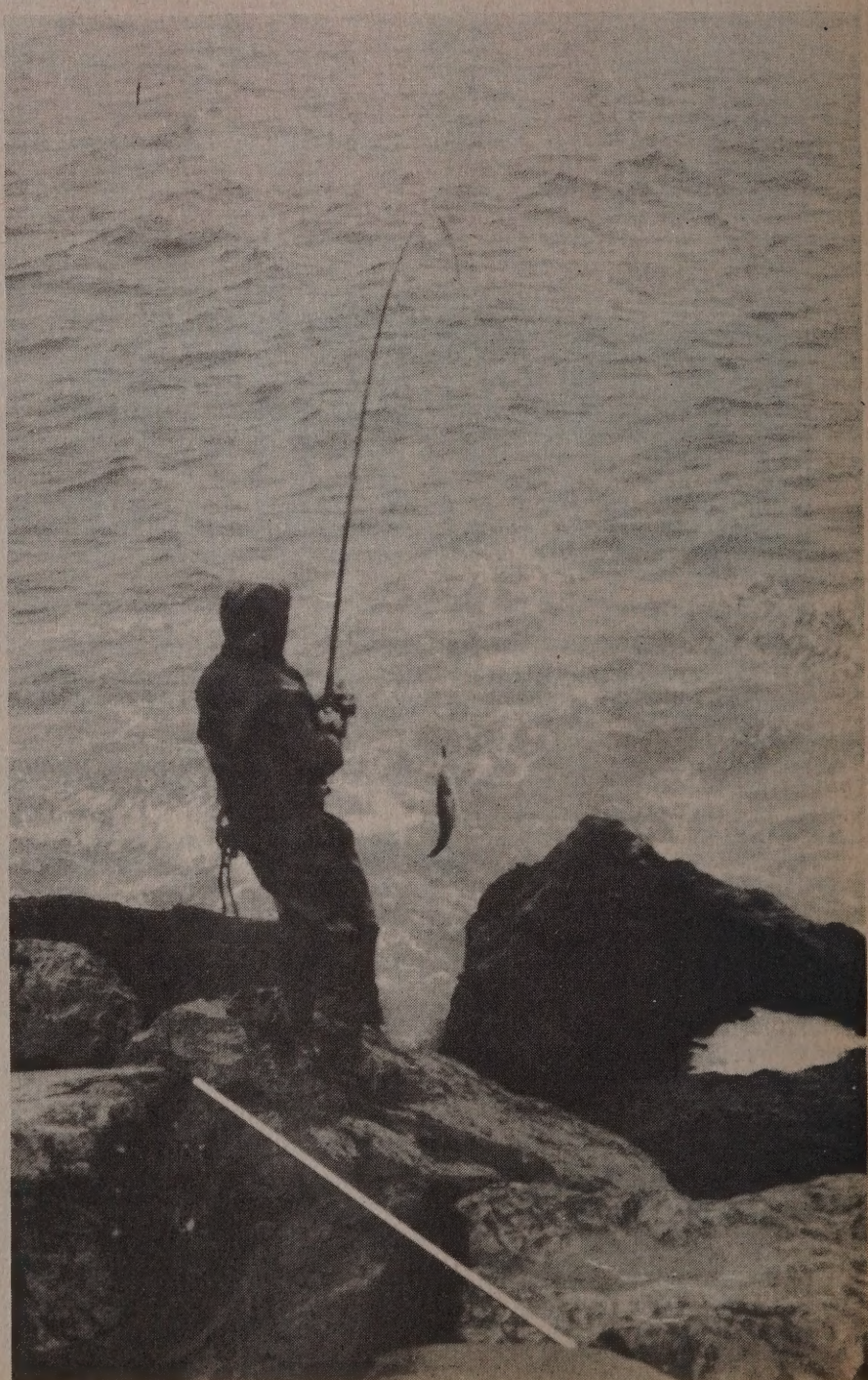
Small bluefish have become the mainstay for many Long Island surfmen during the early part of the season.

Among fishermen it is common knowledge that anglers working the surf reap the least rewards for the effort expended. This is not to say that boat fishermen are assured of success each trip, but as a general rule boatmen possessing a basic insight of a fish's habits, will fill the cooler more often than their compatriots on the beach. It is only on rare occasions where surfmen will enjoy the type of fishing commonly referred to as a "blitz." The chances of a blitz occurring when fishing for striped bass are remote and the odds are great against this action taking place on weakfish for it seems that whenever a concentration forms the netters quickly move in to reap the harvest. Thankfully, the remaining gamester of the surf is still present in sufficient numbers to afford an exhilarating reprieve from the usual pick of fish.

Bluefish, unlike their partners in the surf, which slowly infiltrate the inshore waters, appear along the shore en masse. To the delight of novice and veteran alike, schools of these small to medium sized choppers fill the early season void created by the depleted populations of bass and weaks.

Most frequently these schools will materialize along the beaches adjacent to the south shore inlets slashing the water's surface in their frenzied attempt to secure food. On other occasions, their presence will become known when unsuspecting anglers patiently working the inlets seeking weakfish will discover their jelly worms shortened by an inch or so.

A study of past years records indicate that certain beaches will most likely be the first local areas to welcome the return of these spirited game fish. Interestingly enough these locations are situated in close proximity to the major south shore inlets in the western half of the Island. Breezy Point, Cedar Beach, and Point Lookout are all beaches affected by the ebb and flow of waters surging through the nearby inlets. The only site not mentioned is the shore line bordering Debs Inlet. Since access to this area is limited, I have no current information in regard to this segment of the coast; but I'm sure that if the inlets both east and west experience



Small blues may pop up almost anywhere and make up for lack of size with numbers.

an influx of early season bluefish, Atlantic Beach and East Rockaway will receive their quota also.

If past performance is continued, the schools will hit the outer beaches for a few days and then settle into the mouth of the inlets where they will feed on the more heavily concentrated baitfish. Periodic excursions along the beaches adjoining the inlet will delight or harass, depending on one's viewpoint, any surfmen fishing in their turf. But the majority of surfmen will eagerly seek the stimulating response offered by these reckless fish.

In scenes reminiscent of the fall run at its best, schools of bluefish working the top will strike almost any object cast into their midst. When the fish are so hyped up it is a common occurrence to hook two blues on the same plug. At such times most anglers prefer to use poppers so that they can watch the plug disappear in an eruption of spray and muscle as the sleek forms surge from the depths eagerly attacking a suspected prey. Cordell's Near Nuthin chrome poppers or 1¼ oz. Atom Striper Swipers are but two of the more productive plugs for these situations. Care should be taken to refrain from the use of the larger poppers, for even though they will take fish during these periods of aroused feeding these heavy weights will tend to be ignored when the pace of the fishing slows down.

In order to obtain maximum enjoyment from these medium-sized battlers, the use of heavy surf tackle should be avoided. Even though it is beneficial to use a rod with a stiff tip when a popper is the choice of lures, medium action 9' blanks will enable the fish to demonstrate its capabilities. Lines testing at 8 or 10 lbs. spooled on a reel similar to the Penn 710 will complete an outfit ideally suited for this type of fishing.

With the frantic action associated with a school of blues working on the surface, it is a wise move to make sure a wire leader is attached to the line. Even when such precautions are undertaken, frayed or slashed lines are a common occurrence for these toothsome creatures dash wildly about, ready to snap at anything within their vicinity. A check of the line after each fish that is hooked or even after a slight bump will reveal a possible cause of line failure before an expensive lure is lost. On occasions such as this, it is a good time to use all those battered plugs which performed so well in the past, but which now lie forgotten in the recesses of the plug bag. It is als a good idea to make sure that all hardware, snap swivels or connecting links, be of a dark color for any shiny metal will frequently catch the attention of these excited fish.

Veteran fishermen, who have experienced this type of action, are aware that extra lures and wire leaders are necessary. Feathered hooks are the first items to show the effects of a blue's sharp teeth. Plugs become chewed and treble hooks are twisted and bent out of shape which suggests that if time and resources permit, it would be advantageous to replace the treble hook on all lures with a single hook. The single hook decreases the amount of leverage a fish can use in its efforts to gain freedom, and greatly facilitates the removal of hooks when the action becomes hectic. It is also a good idea to have a reserve supply of leaders for the stiff piano wire type becomes kinked and the nylon coated wire is quickly frayed and shredded during the no-quarter fight put up by these fish.

Although action of this nature is eagerly sought, unfortunately it is a rather irregular occurrence for, on most occasions, the fish will be sulking in the depths, feeding as the opportunities present themselves. Their most favored haunts at this time are places where the current is partially blocked by an obstruction such as a sand bar or jetty. Here the increased force of the current as it flows around the barrier compels the baitfish to seek respite in the less turbulent waters of a back eddy or in the shelter of the structure itself. This is a natural area for the predator to await the hapless prey; therefore, it behooves the angler to simulate this development as naturally as possible. Various tins or sinking swimming plugs, selected according to their weight and the force of the current, are cast uptide and allowed to sink and swim with the tide to ultimately pass through the area where the school bluefish are thought to lie. In fast running water, slender tins such as the Diamond Feather lures J-15, J-9 or V-8, the Charlie Graves J-5, or the TriFin Teardrop Jig, which all weigh between 1 and 1½ oz. are ideal.

If it is necessary to resort to heavier tins in order to get the lures into the depths when the currents are extremely strong, the more substantial tackle should be employed, for the increased weight of the larger tins and the greater pressure needed to restrain a fish will often prove too much for scanty tackle. Then it would be advisable to use the Graves D-5 or the Diamond Feather J-666, J-2 or the J-8 Jr. At other times when a tin is needed that will ride relatively high in the water, the flatter shaped Kastmasters, Shorty Hopkins or Butterfish tins will stay nearer the surface, even when retrieved at a moderate rate of speed.

Because these bluefish are usually easy to please once the school has been located, a wide variety of lures will produce results. Leading the list of possible items is a variation of the common popping plug: the pencil popper. This lure, if worked in the manner prescribed, will draw fish from the depths like no other plug on the market. It should be worked with a rapid whipping motion of the rod tip while slowly reeling the lure back towards the beach. On occasion, a swimming plug is found to be an effective lure. Rebel type swimmers,

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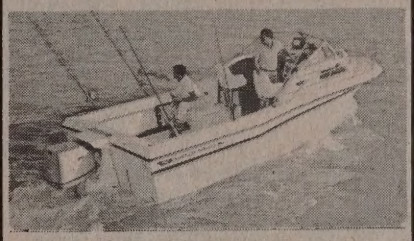

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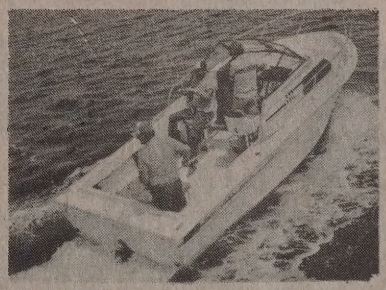

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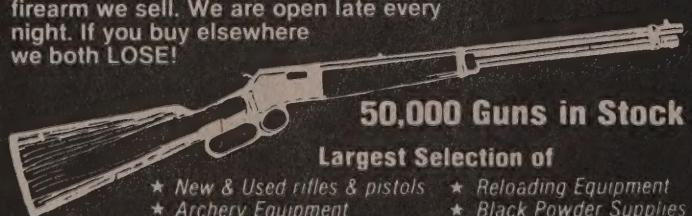

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either floating or sinker models, are usually more readily accepted after sundown. If the fish become picky, sulking in the depths, which is their habit after feeding heavily or when an adverse tide is not providing an ample supply of food, such lures might become necessary in the daylight hours. In the past, a red, fluorescent, floating Rebel worked slowly into the tidal currents after the water has been roiled by a strong blow, has proven to be effective when all other lures received little attention.

Along the outer beaches in areas such as Breezy Point, Democrat Point, or Point Lookout the movement of these highly mobile schools are often difficult to pinpoint. Their repeated presence is determined by the availability of a consistent supply of food, but the open sandy beaches provide little shelter to maintain an ample amount of baitfish. Steadier action can be had when the blues are located at specific locations within the inlet itself. Here at particular stages of the tide repeated encounters with these schools can be enjoyed. Barring, of course, any serious storm which changes the normal pattern. Once the routine is ascertained, the fishing should continue for several days.

It should be noted that approximately one hour should be added each day to allow for the normal progression of the tide. For instance, if the fish are hitting during the last three hours of the ebb at, say 10AM, the identical stage of the tide the following day will occur about 11AM.

In waters affected by the ebb and flow of inlets, the outgoing tide is generally considered the most productive, but like all game fish they tend to cross up the angler just about when he figures he has the pattern down pat. If after enjoying a period of lively action the fishing suddenly ceases try working the beach further down tide, for occasionally they will move in that direction, following the flow of water and bait. If this attempt at relocating the school fails, return to the original spot, for more than likely they have not moved at all, but have just taken a brief respite. During these spans of inactivity, some clever surfmen choose to remain in place at the last known position of the school, fishing bottom with pieces of cut bait. Mackerel or bunker chunks used on a fishfinder rig will frequently entice a few fish into hitting and will serve as an indication of the possible resumption of feeding.

Last year, anglers fishing the south shore inlets took their first bluefish well before they are normally due to arrive. Since the expected weakfish and the tardy bass delayed their appearance, these willing bluefish were a welcome delight. Later in the season, the hard-boiled surf rats will disdain these smaller blue devils when the more prized species become the center of attraction, but surf fishing without these battling gamesters would leave a lot to be desired.

THE FISHERMAN QUIZ

(1) A BLEEDING SWIMMER IS A LIKELY SHARK VICTIM BECAUSE "A *SINGLE MOLECULE OF BLOOD*" DRIVES SHARKS INTO A FRENZY. TRUE ☐ FALSE ☐

(2) IN FRESHWATER, JIGS ARE EFFECTIVE FOR TAKING.....
A - CRAPPIE ☐ B - WALLEYES ☐
C - YELLOW PERCH ☐ D - BASS ☐
E - ALL OF THESE AND MORE ☐

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BY FRED GUARDINEER

(3) N.Y. SPORT FISHERMEN CATCH ABOUT TWICE AS MANY FLUKE AS DO THE N.Y. COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN.
TRUE ☐ FALSE ☐

(4) WHICH STATE HAD A BUMPER YEAR IN 1979 WHEN ENTHUSIASTIC ANGLERS BROKE 19 STATE RECORDS OUT OF 54 SPECIES OF FRESHWATER FISH INCLUDING TWO WORLD RECORDS... A 25 LB. WALLEYE AND AN 11 LB. 15 OZ. SMALLMOUTH BASS.

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KENTUCKY ☐
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IDAHO ☐
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(5) THIS GADJET ISN'T A NEW SUPER-SONIC MISSILE OR A PLANE. ALL PRACTICING ARCHERS KNOW IT'S A----------

(6) WHAT IS THE BIGGEST LOCAL BAY FLOUNDER ON RECORD - AND I DON'T MEAN FLUKE, OCEAN YELLOW TAILS OR SNOWSHOES, A READER ASKS ?

1-FALSE. MANY SHARKS ATTACK UNWOUNDED SWIMMERS THEN SWIM AWAY, LEAVING THE VICTIM BLEEDING PROFUSELY. 2-E. 3-TRUE. 1979 N.Y. STATE STATS SHOW SPORTS 6,245,712 LBS., PROS 3,740,843 LBS. 4-TENNESSEE. 5-IT'S A PERFECTION FISH POINT FOR AN ARROW. REVERSIBLE BARBS FOLD DOWN TO PENETRATE A FISH AND THEN OPEN TO RETRIEVE WITH MAXIMUM HOLDING POWER. 6-LARGEST BAY FLOUNDER ON RECORD... 5 LBS AND 22¾"; WRITES JULES BOND IN N.Y. DAILY NEWS 4-21-82.

DUELING IN DARKNESS

Part One — *by Lou Truppi*

The odds of tangling with the greatest of gladiators, the broadbill swordfish, have been greatly increased thanks to a whole new approach to the game.

If one were to describe the sport of swordfishing in a word, that one word would surely be TOUGH!! It takes long arduous boat rides well into our canyons just to be able to fish for these elusive broadbills. Tackle must be of the finest quality and properly rigged to perhaps do battle with a 1,000 lb. fish. Lastly, perhaps the toughest turn of all for some anglers would be the long, sleepless nights. These swords feed primarily at night and this is when the angler must put in his time, maintaining watch and being ready to do battle with what many consider the toughest of all billfishes: the swordfish.

I've actively fished for these broadbills in the canyon waters off the East Coast for the past several years. My first sword was taken on a late June evening off the Florida Keys. From that moment on I knew this exciting fishing venture had shanghaied a new recruit. Now with ten rod and reel caught swordfish to my credit, perhaps my experiences and techniques can be of value to the neophyte and experienced canyon angler alike.

Author with the 381¾ lb. swordfish that he took last summer.

Two Floridian anglers, the Webb brothers, were perhaps more than anyone else responsible for the introduction of new methods designed to catch swordfish in the night! Commercial fishermen were already actively involved in night swordfishing; could these same methods be refined to include sport fishing at night with rod and reel? Thanks to the Webb brothers, it was proven without a doubt that they could.

The resounding success of night swordfishing methods swept from Florida to encompass the entire East Coast. The rest is swordfishing history.

Before this, only a very select group of anglers had ever ventured after these deep-water billfish. Techniques were such to preclude even a small percent of these to be successful. Night fishing methods would now make these fish available to hundreds of East Coast sport fishermen. Suffice it to say that the new sport of night swordfishing would now supplant almost all former methods of seeking this gallant game fish.

Methods used by most accomplished East Coast swordfishermen are closely aligned with the methods found to be successful in Florida waters. Certain refinements have crept into these methods through the years, thus making them even more potent!

Before I discuss how these methods may be employed, let's first talk tackle. The swordfish has a pair of shoulders, and is widely known for his fighting abilities. Therefore, tackle used when angling for these deep water battlers should be aligned to tackle one would feel secure with in subduing a giant tuna. True, many swords caught average 100 lbs. or less. The exception, might, however, weigh several hundred pounds. There is certainly no design on the size swordfish that may pick up an angler's bait. The motto is, "be prepared."

Let's start with rod selection. Rods classified as heavy 50# class manufactured by J. Kennedy Fisher or standard 80# class blanks are the choices of most savvy swordfishermen. I personally opt for 80# graphite blanks because of their lighter weight and rigid power. The choice is yours. Unless you're a light tackle record seeker, I would strongly recommend

the heavier class outfits when pursuing the swords.

Whether purchasing or making your own rods, make sure they incorporate aluminum bent or straight butts into their design. These butts allow the angler to pressure these deep fighters with little fear of rod failure at a critical moment. If possible, choose the new Uni-Butt design. Uni-Butts feature reel seats built into the rod butts. This prevents the reel seat from separating at the butt. Those of you who have experienced a reel seat and butt failure will greatly appreciate this new design. The alternative to this is to pin all reel seats to rod butts. This can be accomplished by taping through the reel seat and butt. Next insert a stainless pin and either epoxy the pin or peen over its outside edge. File smooth and there you have a securely mounted butt and reel seat.

These rods should also exhibit good quality guides. Guides, whether the new Fuji bridge style or the standard roller frame should always be the heavy duty models. These guides should be large enough to permit the heavier double lines to slide through with plenty of clearance.

Reels should be the best quality the angler can afford. Standard 10/0-12/0 reels are good choices. However, many anglers, myself included, prefer the International style reels. Their heavy machined spools and large smooth drag surfaces give the angler less to worry about when connected to a really big fish.

When choosing a line, I favor the dacron lines over monofilments for swordfishing purposes. Night swordfishing demands a low stretch, easily seen line. Since the hook is usually set with a good amount of line out, the dacron lines with their reduced stretch factors ensure good hook penetration. By all means, use the white or flourescent dacrons. The black style dacrons cannot be seen in the dark of night. If you feel more secure with a dark line nearest your bait, I suggest splicing 15' or so of black dacron into the forward section of your line. If you're already using the white dacron, take a felt tip marking pen and blacken the last 15'. Lines should be doubled so that maximum pressure may be applied during the final stages of fighting the fish.

IGFA rules allow the double line and leader to measure a maximum of 40' for 80 and 130# class tackle. I usually measure out 30' or so of double line allowing for an 8' leader to be added. Leaders should definitely be monofilament testing 250 to 300#. Several reasons can be attributed to my monofilament leader choice. First, in case a shark inhales your bait, the mono will allow the shark to bite through without hooking him and thereby wasting valuable swordfishing time playing a shark.

On the drift, I've noticed the mono allows the squid to flutter quite naturally, increasing my strike chances. Also the boat lights provide a reflective glare when striking the mono. This reflection will enable the angler and crew to keep close visual contact with the leader as a fish is brought to within gaffing range.

Swivels should be of top quality ball bearing style. I use 400# test ball bearing barrel swivels. Barrels eliminate the weak link, in this case, the snap.

A word on leader length. Ten foot maximum length leaders are by far easier to handle than, say 15' leaders. With a shorter leader the angler can maintain rod control over the fish at critical moments prior to gaffing, thus allowing crew members to concentrate on other landing procedures.

When it comes to hooks, I prefer sizes 10 or 11/0 to conceal inside my baits. Hooks should be triangulated to razor sharpness and possess brazed solid rings.

Terminal tackle rigging procedures are as follows: if dacron is through-spliced to form a single double-strength line, then attach to the barrel swivel with a uni-knot. If you double line using the bimini twist, connect the swivel with an offshore swivel knot. Butt section of leader can also be uni-knotted to the swivel. The hook should be connected to the leader

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with a Palomar knot or snelled. This rigging technique, if followed, should serve you well as it has me. Remember, when knotting any heavy monofilament, knots should always be snugged up tight in one smooth motion. Also bear in mind that many respectable size bigeye tuna are also hooked while drifting for swordfish at night. These muscle-bound members of the tuna family can very quickly divulge any flaws in your choice of tackle!

Even all this preparation won't ensure a successful trip if your boat is not suitably equipped to do its job. Many anglers not familiar with night fishing techniques seem to overlook the obvious. A properly lighted cockpit, for instance. Lights should be exhibited inside the cockpit area as well as from the tower or bridge. They should be bright and illuminate 50' or so of radius around the boat's stern. These lights ensure that the crew and angler may observe a hooked fish's every move in those critical close quarter stern confrontations. They also serve to attract squid—a prime swordfish bait. These may be jigged with a specially designed squid jig when they are spotted in the lights, providing on-the-spot fresh bait.

At least one flying gaff with a 6" hook and a back-up 4", two-handed standard or flying gaff should be close at hand. Another handy item is a tail rope to properly secure a gaffed fish!

Don't forget a good quality fighting harness. Let the angler who is designated to fight the fish be chair tested with the harness prior to its use. This procedure saves precious time when a fish is hooked. A correctly fitted angler will be more comfortable and there is less chance of major, last minute adjustments that could cost you the fish.

Equipment, properly rigged tackle and baits are only the beginning where swordfish are concerned. They will, however, help ensure success when that big sword hits and heads for China.

Canyon runs and beyond are the order of the day for swordfishermen. My personal catches have led me to believe that to catch these broadbills consistently, the angler must be able to locate and fish deep water dropoffs many miles from the beach.

These swordfish definitely confine themselves to our deep water canyon mouths and the outer limits of the continental shelf. They roam throughout these deep water canyons ranging to great depths, and at other times, on or near the surface feeding freely. They have been taken on baits, lures, longlines and harpooned through the years. Nothing, however, compares to the click, click, click of that initial mouthing of a bait by a swordfish on a moonlit sea, a hundred miles from land and with 600 fathoms of cobalt blue water under your hull.

My concluding article next week will deal with locating swords, baiting and other techniques I've used for successful swordfishing. Stand by!

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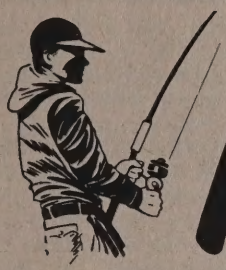

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LIGHTEN UP ON FLUKE

by Herb Buch

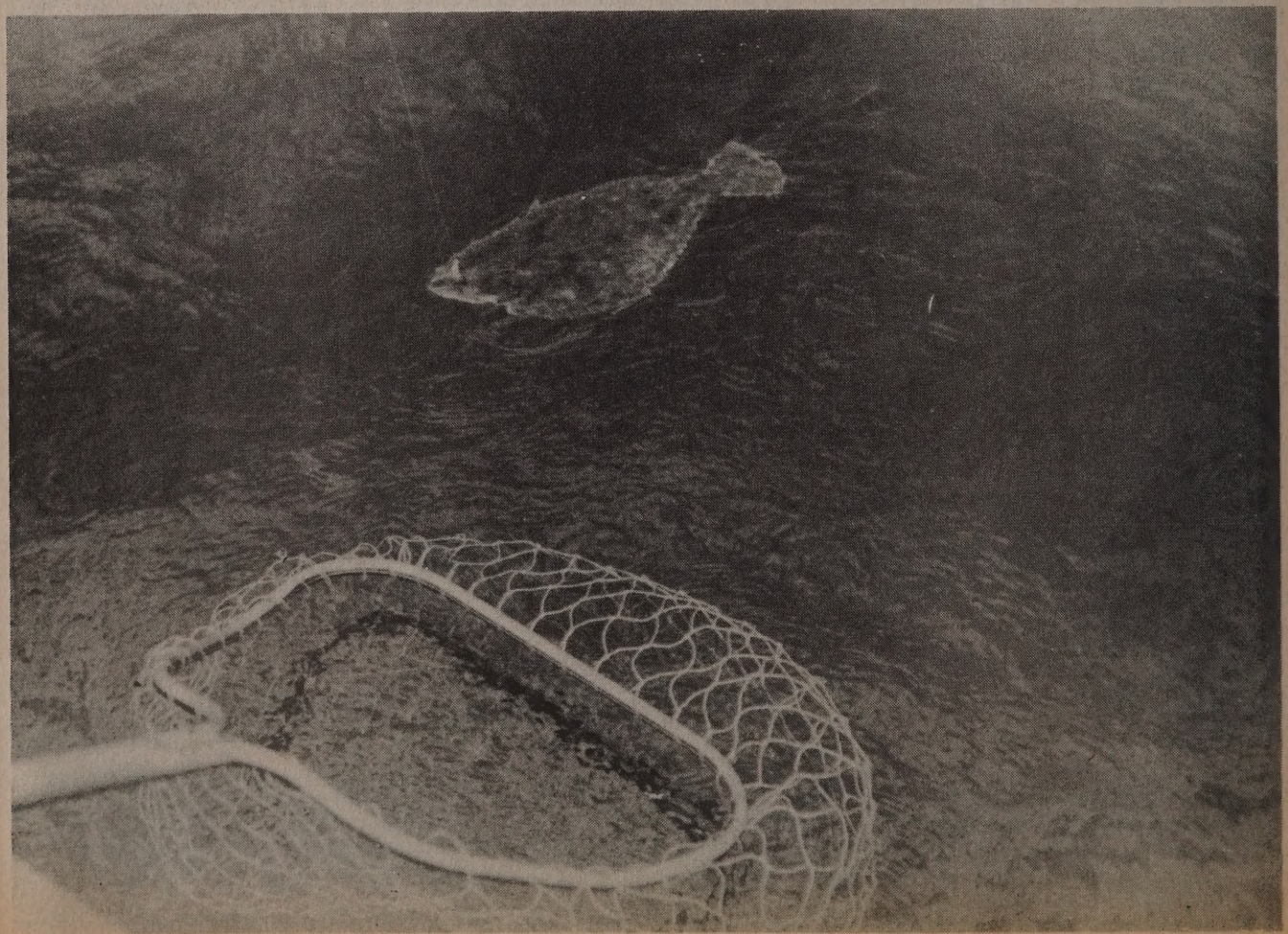
Light tackle and matching terminal gear provide maximum sport with summer flatties along with putting more fish in the boat.

Except for game fish with soft mouths, such as the weakfish, the use of light tackle makes putting fish in the boat a difficult task at times. Heavy tackle is much more efficient for that job, and that is what the average angler uses. However, if you want to hook more fluke, light tackle takes all the prizes. They are particularly vulnerable to the finer rigs, and the techniques which have been developed for fussy, freshwater game fish.

For your own education you should drop a fluke rig into clear shallow water and watch it as you drift. With the standard rigging, the bait is heavily weighted down by the hook and it stays on the bottom. If it is a lively killy, it may wiggle a bit. Spearing and sand eels cannot even sway with currents because the leaders are so stiff. In spite of this, many fluke will tentatively grab the bait and when they feel the heavy sinker, they will let it go. In contrast, try a light tackle rig with a light sinker. Your killy will be swimming erratically off the bottom, like a fish in trouble. Dead baits will look more natural, and fluke will tend to hold onto the bait when they test it. I have watched carefully on many party boats, and 90% of the time the people using light tackle properly get several times as many fish as the others. This does not mean that you will automatically take the pool fish. You will have more action and more fun. Last year it was not unusual for one angler to take 25 fluke in one day, while fishing the south shore bays and inlets. Many of them were shorts, but they made for an exciting day on light tackle.

Buying a light rod and reel and then rigging with a 3/0 heavy wire, long shanked hook snelled on 40 lb. leader material plus a 6 oz. sinker, is not going to do you any good. The fish sees your terminal tackle and the way in which it affects the action of your bait. Heavy rigs on light tackle just penalize the angler by making it more difficult to pull in the few fish that they hook. Light rigs on heavy rods and reels may result in more fish hooked, but very often the hook will be straightened out, or the leader broken in the fight. A balanced outfit is necessary for any kind of fishing. Lightweight terminal rigs require the give and take of a light rod and a properly set reel drag.

I would like to tell you about the kinds of tackle which have been maximizing the sport of fluke fishing for a small group of fishermen over a period of many years. Freshwater spinning or bait casting rods with medium action are excellent. You



Fluke should always be led head first into the net.

don't want heavy duty worming rods that are meant to horse 5 lb. largemouth bass out of weed beds. Spinning reels that can hold about 200 yards of 6 lb. test line will hold more than enough of any line you choose. Any bait casting reel will do, or you can use Penn's small, 100 yard capacity saltwater models like the 9MF. Line will range from 6-12 lb. test depending upon local conditions. Always buy the best tackle you can afford.

For bait fishing, I have two favorite rigs. They are both built on 15 lb. Ande or 17 lb. Stren (clear) line. The standard rig has an end loop for the sinker, a dropper loop 2'' or 3'' up, and a loop or a small swivel to tie your line to, about a foot above the dropper. The hook is a size 2 Sproat although any standard shank hook of about the same size will do. An active killy can really put on a show when this hook is snelled to 3' of the same mono that was used for the leader. A 1 oz. bank sinker will handle almost any fluking situation when you use light line. Hook live bait through both lips lightly. Dead spearing or sand eels can be hooked through the eyes. When sand eels are large, cut them in half and hook once at the head, or front end of the back half.

My other favorite is used with 6 or 8 lb. test line and it can be cast easily when that is necessary. Knot a hook to one end of 2' of the 15 lb. test line, and attach a size 7 swivel or a tiny split ring to the other end. Tie on a foot of the same line and slip on a /12 oz. bullet sinker of the type used in fishing with plastic worms in fresh water. Tie a loop at the free end and attach your fishing line to that loop. You now have a fish finder rig that does not snag bottom easily. In addition, the weight is so light that fluke rarely drop the bait if you give them time to take it.

The two rigs which I have described can be used from party boats or private boats just about anywhere you might fish in bays, inlets, and even some areas off the ocean beaches. They are not meant for deep, fast water such as the Montauk rips. We have used them on party boats out of Sheepshead Bay, Freeport, and Captree, and small boats in Moriches Bay.

If you fish from your own boat, I would like to suggest a change from the drifting routine. In many locations, drifting requires the constant attention of the person running the boat in order to prevent grounding on a sand bar. Once you locate an area that produces a fluke or two, you anchor and cast. Casting is very easy with spinning outfits, and some fishermen are even proficient with the baitcaster. Anchoring allows you to really work over an area to make the most of its potential. When the water is weedy, you must anchor down current from the productive bottom. In this way your rig will be worked in the same direction as the weed is drifting, and there will be a minimum of fouling. Keep moving your bait a foot or two at a time with a pause between moves. You can take quite a few fish from one area if you work at the casting.

Long leaders and casting do not make a good combination. Very often you can get by with the 2' leader, but if conditions lead to tangles, cut your leader back to 18''. It works very well when using mono as light as I have suggested. Fifteen pound test is light, but it can take rough use. However, you should retie your rigs with new mono after each trip, especially if the crabs were abundant, as they often damage it with their claws.

Another caution is to be sure to use a net to land your fish. This is always a good practice when fluking, but even more important when using light tackle. Many times a large fluke will dive when it sees the net. Set your drag loosely enough so that it can take line. You must also stick your rod tip down into the water if the lines comes close to the boat. A nice fluke can easily snap your line if it rubs against something solid.

You have surely heard about catching fluke on lures. Light tackle makes this very easy. Just tie a 1/2 oz. bucktail to the end of your line, bait the hook, and bounce it over the bottom as you drift. White or yellow will usually do the job. I prefer to use jigs with short hair so that the bait can wiggle freely. Last season we experimented with live killies on the hooks of jigs. They worked very well. When we ran out of live bait, we tried dead killies and were just as successful. Spearing and sand eels will not stay on the hook when you are bouncing the bait. Fish strips will work well, but we had the best results in the area we fish by using killies.

When you use a dead killy, do not hook it through the lips. Either you slide the hook into its mouth and up through the skull, or out the gill and into the back. Short bites are not a problem when fishing this combination. The fluke usually grab the whole thing. If the current was weak, or the water shallow, we often used 1/4 or 3/8 oz. jigs. These produced in some of the shallower drains which most people do not even fish.

The fighting ability of fluke is not noteworthy. Light tackle will make them much more interesting. You will need patience to raise a big one off the bottom on light line. It is also necessary when they dive for the depths just as you're ready to net them.

To sum it all up, the reason that light tackle is more effective is its capacity to allow your bait to look and act as natural as possible. At the same time that you are getting more bites, you will also enjoy a better fight from the fish that you hook. These outfits also allow you to cast easily, and that can be an asset under many conditions. We all fish because we enjoy the sport, not just for the food, which we could buy at less cost. If you think about it that way, you will switch to the kind of tackle that will give you the most enjoyment.

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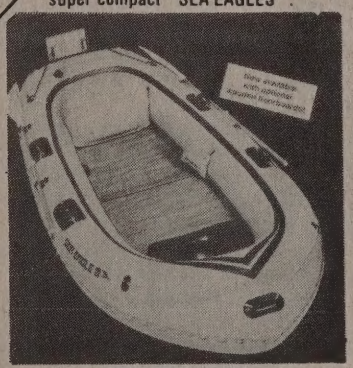

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MODIFICATIONS FROM THE ELBOW

by Tim Coleman

A couple years back, three of us stood in a 26 footer stemming the tide in one of the Montauk rips called the Elbow. We'd chartered to learn the technique of diamond jigging. It was dollars well spent since a modification of the method served us well from shore.

The boat procedure was to stem the tide up-tide from a rip. The boat was in gear with just enough RPM to maintain a somewhat steady position. Jigs were lowered into the tide. As soon as they hit bottom all reels were put in gear and a slow retrieve was started. If there were no hits after five turns of the handles, back down the jig went and the operation repeated. If there were no hits on the second dropback, you reeled in and tried again.

Total for that effort was 15 bass from 20 to 32 lbs. for four hours' fishing. It was an education bringing fruit many times over. On the way back it dawned on us, here was a method to use with bucktails and pork rind in the running tide of an inlet.

Okay, let's say you fish or intend to fish any ole inlet. More than likely it will have a couple breakwaters—one on either side of the tidal river. You walk out to the end some night on the start of the outgoing tide. Even in these lean times, inlets produce fish.

You have a conventional stick (sorry, spinning is not acceptable)

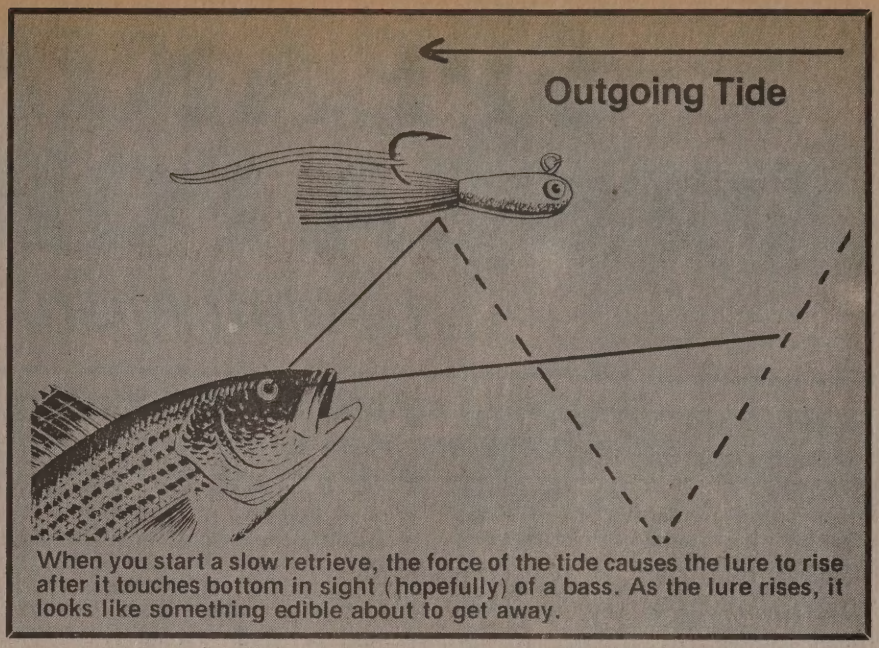
The technique you will read about is a modification of a method of fishing diamond jigs from a boat in one of the Montauk rips called the Elbow.

with bucktails of 1, 2, and 3 oz. in your possession. White hair and pork rind are all the colors you need. Cast into the tide at a 45° angle toward whatever body of water the tide is moving into. Don't cast up into the flow, at least not for this particular method. As the lure sinks, the thumb of your right hand lightly pressures the turning spool from behind. This prevents an overrun. The thumb and index finger of your left hand are up on the forward grip of the rod. The line is running through them. After some practice you develop a feel for the lure hitting bottom. Instantly, if not sooner, put the reel in gear. Personally, I like the Garcia 9000 and 10,000 for this type fishing. By turning the spool you engage the reel—very quickly. Having done this, you now take five slow turns of the handle.

What happens is the lure hits bottom, but then slowly moves up. Remember you, the angler, like the stationary boat in the Elbow, have not moved. The force of the tide, though, causes the lure to rise. Let's just say a 41 lber. is holding downtide. She sees the bucktails drop down in front her, then slowly work its way toward the top. Here is supper about to make a getaway. Ever see somebody's face when they hook their first 40 lb. fish?

If you don't get any hits, take the reel out of gear and drop the lure back down. The tide by now, though, has not only caused the lure to rise, it has pushed it off to one side. If you had cast at a 45° angle, however, there should be room for another dropback before the lure is in the rocks. If the second dropback takes the bucktail right beside any sunken rocks near the end, so much the better. If the second dropback takes the bucktail out of the current into a nearby side-pocket, so much the better. Both places are prime spots for large lazy fish to wait for easy pickings.

Spinning is no good for this fishing, for you can't easily maintain a feel for the lure touching bottom—and more important, starting an instant retrieve. That "bounce" is important. It often provokes fish that won't hit otherwise. Once you get the touch, you will outfish your buddies a conservative 5-to-1.



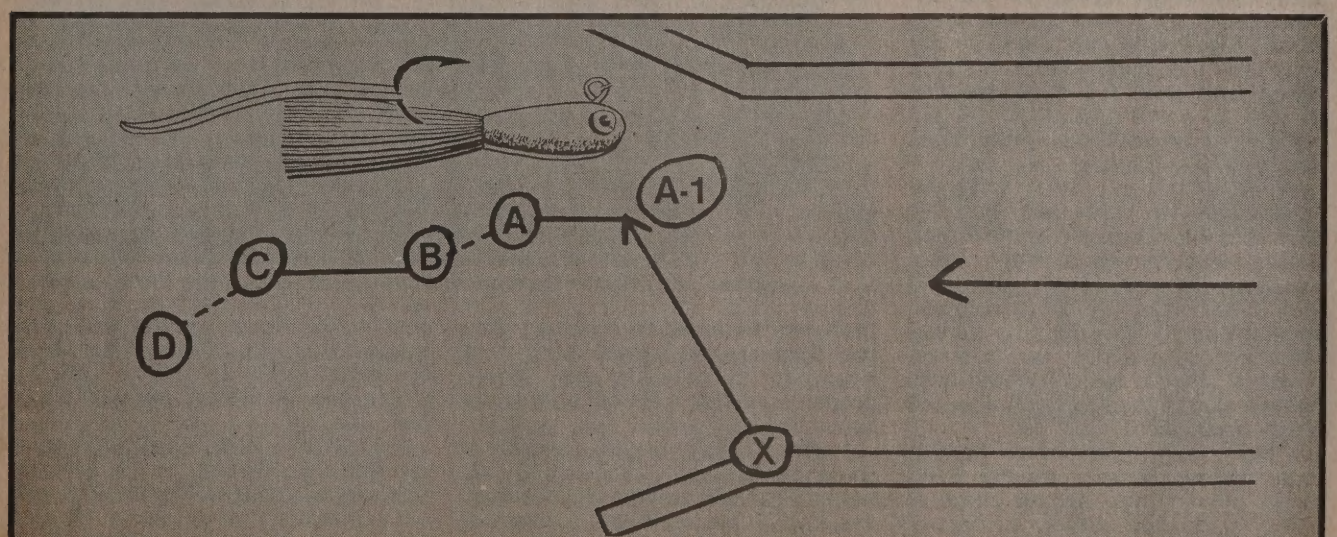
When you start a slow retrieve, the force of the tide causes the lure to rise after it touches bottom in sight (hopefully) of a bass. As the lure rises, it looks like something edible about to get away.

Bluefish (some very large choppers) and weaks are all susceptible to bucktails fished in this fashion. Fluke will hit from time to time. A lot of the bass hits come on the first or second turn of the handle, as that's when the lure is closest to the bottom.

As the tide picks up steam you should increase the weight of the bucktail. On peak tides, 3 oz. will be necessary. Don't be surprised if your hits come with changes in current velocity. For instance, the first hour of the tide will draw in any fish in the vicinity. That's prime time. On other nights we did not have a hit (usually on the slower tides of the month) until the tide got cranking a bit. Some very large bass showed as the tide eased off, or just during the last hour.

The key to the whole operation is the feel. If you are not used to conventional, it's probably going to take a bit of trial-and-error. If you miss the first bounce, your lure will likely fill with weeds as it drags along the bottom. A trout fisherman would call this sloppy presentation. Please don't get mad at me if the pile of weeds you've pulled off the lure reaches knee level. Others take two casts and get the hang.

Rods for this fishing should be on the beefy side. Remember that 4 lber.? She will go a long way with a running tide on her tail. Hefty tackle slows her down and guides her this way and that when she comes close to a gaff. Thirty pound mono is fine, but some I know fish 40, especially in inlets loaded with sunken rocks. While the bass population is down, the time was never better for a 50 to 70 lb. fish. They are around, especially inlets where tides bring food, and perhaps your bucktails.



Here the X with circle around it represents the angler. A-1 is the point where the bucktail hits the water. Position A is where the lure hits bottom after the first dropback. B is the location after five slow turns of the reel's handle. C is the lure after a second dropback, and D the position after the second series. At this point the angler must reel in and try again.

SPEAKING OF SEA PORGIES

by Matt Ahern

Sea porgies are held in high esteem by most serious sinker bouncers. Here's how to put more in your bucket.

"I can't hook the blamed things!" So claimed Artie Leidecker's friend and neighbor, Charlie Hall.

"There, there," soothed Artie. "We know; we know. Matt, show him how it's done."

"Me!" I exclaimed. "Me! You want me to show him how it's done?"

"Sure, you. Who else? You're the guy who tells everybody how easy it is. Adding all that malarky and stuff. And besides," he continued, warming up to the subject, "ain't you the guy who writes those embarrassing stories about the Echo—after I've told you a million times not to? So, go ahead...show him."

"But...."

"But me no buts." He lay his rod against the low stern rail. "I'm too embarrassed to watch, so I'm going below for a sandwich. Pay attention now, Charlie."

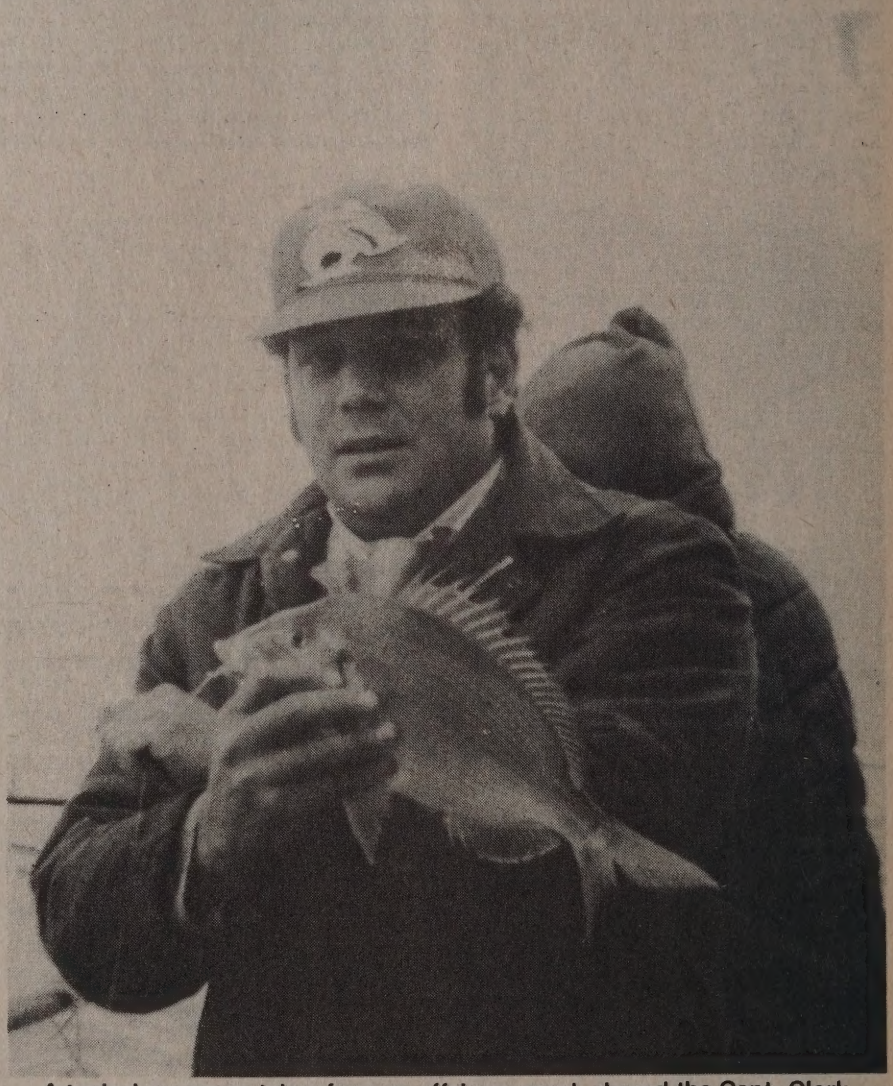
As Artie disappeared from view, Charlie moved beside me, a sheepish grin on his broad face. "That Artie's something else, ain't he?"

"He sure is," I agreed. "Well... never mind. Forget it. Let's see what we've got here."

It was one of those humid, breezeless days in early August, one of those sticky days when the almost motionless sea appears as if poured from molten lead. Artie had anchored the Echo over the Iberia Wreck off Long Beach with the fond hope that the three of us would do a job on the big sea porgies we both knew frequented that area in mid-summer.

While we weren't doing a leapjob on the fish, we were getting a fair pick. And this fair-pick was the reason Charlie was having a tough time. Those porgies were simply putting on their finicky act, which is common enough when porgies find the competition for food is almost non-existent. It was a shame, too, because those fish we did manage to catch were all pretty good-sized.

I have found that when porgies react like this, there's only one thing to do: put on thin, narrow slices of bait. If we had taken a flat of sandworms along that day, we would have had no trouble at all. But I don't recall Artie and I ever using sandworm for sea porgies in our lives. Skimmer clam is what we always used, and skimmer clam we had. And the thinnest, narrowest part of a skimmer is the "string." When properly used, it is almost a foolproof bait.



A typical sea porgy taken from an offshore wreck aboard the Capt. Clark.

I immediately sliced several of these strings into 2" lengths and baited Charlie's tandem rig, carefully weaving each hook in and out several times, making sure a tantalizing quarter inch would trail in the current. I handed Charlie his rod and we moved to the rail.

"Now," I advised, "when the rig's on bottom, reel in all the slack and watch the rod tip. When it dips ever so lightly, sink the hook. Quickly. Don't wait for a bite; you won't feel one. Try it."

And Charlie tried it. But he missed the first fish. In fact, so sly was the fish's approach that Charlie was actually unaware of its presence. He also missed the second fish. He reeled up cleaned hooks. "How about that? Now that's what I call bait-stealing. Here, you try it."

"Oh, no," I said. "You'll never

learn if I do it for you. Just keep your eyes peeled on the rod tip. Concentrate. You'll get 'em.''

It didn't take long after that before Charlie had his first porgy on deck. Five minutes later he had one more, and then, wonder of wonders, he came up with a double-header, losing one at the side of the boat. From then on, Charlie was on his own.

Some minutes later Artie appeared on deck and peered into Charlie's bucket. ''Well, I'll be damned!''

''You will be if you don't mend your ways,'' I admonished.

''Nothing to it,'' Charlie told him, shrugging his shoulders with the proper amount of nonchalance.

Luck,'' Artie retorted. ''Nothing but luck. It's a sure case of the blind leading the blind.''

But luck or no luck, all this tricky fish-hooking wasn't required years ago. If there were finicky porgies about those days, we fellows never knew it, for had there been , I'm sure such fussy fish would have starved to death. As far as sea porgies were concerned then, it was a case of grab it when you can or go without. At that time it was simply a matter of reaching bottom, quickly taking up the slack, and, without waiting for a bite, lifting the rod and reeling in porgy after porgy. One seldom missed. Double-headers were as common as singles. It was wonderful fishing and we were spoiled.

Though porgies are not nearly as plentiful today, fishermen occasionally enjoy catches comparable to the way it was 50 years ago. I'll tell you about one in a few minutes.

As I write that last paragraph, I am nothing short of amazed, for there was a time when I believed I'd never be able to say that again. But thanks to the fishing gods, or whatever, porgies have made an excellent return from the doldrums of 10-12 years ago. These were indeed the sad times when to catch one or two porgies each summer was something to brag about. I know that during the summers of 1967-1969, Artie and I didn't catch one porgy on the offshore wrecks—and we tried; boy, did we try!

Not only was porgy fishing in bad shape, fluke and sea bass (especially sea bass) left much to be desired. This made for tough going, for these three fish have always been the mainstay of bottom-fishing party boats. Actually, the fishing became so bad during 1968, Artie threatened to go bluefishing, which is something he just refuses to do. To escape this ''fate worse than death,'' we put in much of our time drifting off Jones Beach for fluke. Though we didn't get many, nothing at all like it used to be, we could usually count on a half-dozen on good days, and of course, none on poor days. And there were many poor days.

But until recent times, those big humpback sea porgies, those ''dinner plates,'' for which we dedicated sinker bouncers will cheerfully give our eyeteeth, these were gone. It had taken less than four years for this to happen. And to me this did indeed seem hard to believe, for until then the commercial catch alone was over 35 million pounds per year; the sport fishing catch easily exceeded that, I'm sure.

But return they did—along with increased fluké and sea bass catches. What happened, I have no idea, and I suppose we'll never really find out, but I believe we fellows should make hay while the sun shines. You never know...

I guess it was about 1972 when Artie and I began to notice an actual increase in the amount of porgies we caught. One June morning while enjoying a little ling fishing on the Stone Wreck off Jones Beach, wonder of wonders, we decked several good-sized porgies. That whetted our appetites and the following summer we concentrated more time on them and did even better. Some of this better fishing was done on the offshore Steel Wreck, where the porgies, though nowhere plentiful, were real humpbacks. I recall Al Dunn nailed a 3 lber. So things were looking up. Then we made several trips to the Iberia Wreck, one of which I've just told you about. Porgy fishing was getting better and better. And it continued to do so.

But I didn't know what I was really missing until one late-summer day in 1975 I went down to watch Shinnecock Canal's Capt. Clark II come in. I found every single passenger struggling to get heavy sacks of fish onto the pier.

''What is this?'' I asked Captain Clark.

''Sea porgies, Matt,'' Captain Clark replied. ''Sea porgies. Tons and tons. We got a couple thousand today. Fish up to 3 lbs. and it's going to get better. Where you been hiding? Haven't seen you around in a dog's age.''

''I didn't know,'' I said.

''Well, you know now. Come out with me in the morning and we'll knock 'em dead.''

You can bet I was on the Capt. Clark II very early that next morning, and less than a half-hour after clearing the inlet, I had sea porgies thrumming in the bucket. Not your regular run-of-the-mill sea porgies, but real old-time humpbacks. There seemed no end to the action. Down, up. Down, up. That was a day when it wasn't necessary to use skimmer strings, I'll tell you. These porgies weren't a bit finicky. No matter which part of the skimmer was used, the porgies grabbed it as if this was their last chance.

I filled the 5-gallon bucket in no time and called a halt. Enough is enough. I took a break, wolfed a sandwich and coffee, and returned to the fishing. Everywhere I looked, those big porgies were coming over the rail. There seemed no end to the action. I continued to fish, returning

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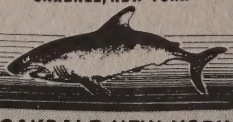

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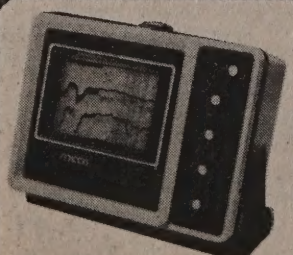

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those I caught, and giving away those which were badly hooked.

It was some day. In fact, I think it was even better than the best of the old times. I'm sure the pool fish was over 3 lbs., probably closer to four. Now, you may be sure, I make it a point to get in at least one late summer/early fall porgy trip with Captain Clark. I haven't been disappointed yet.

I hope all this has gotten you interested in porgy fishing. This does not apply to the experienced fisherman, of course. He already knows the fun and excitement of a good day. But for those fellows just getting their feet wet, so to speak, there's nothing like going out on a porgy-fishing party boat. As far as I'm concerned, for beginner and veteran alike, it's the only way to go. Porgies, because of their lifestyle, are often difficult to locate. You've got to know your stuff.

Because most good summertime sea porgy fishing is done in fairly deep water, suitable tackle is necessary. Some fellows use medium-weight spinning gear, and it seems to work out okay, but if you nail a double-header, and the fish are big, you're going to have your work cut out for you. You can expect tangles with your neighbor at the rail, simply because porgies are fighting fools and never give up. And if the fishing's good, your neighbor isn't going to appreciate the lost time spent untangling monumental snarls.

Because of this possibility, I think a medium-weight boat rod, one with a little backbone, is best. A suitable matching reel capable of holding 150 yards of good quality 20 lb. test monofilament line is ideal. For you fellows who don't have such tackle, worry not. For a couple of bucks you can rent just what is needed for the day. And if, perish the thought, you find porgy fishing is not for you, there's nothing lost. But I think that when you once sink your hook into a sea porgy, you'll be back for more.

As for hooks and correct rigging-up, there's nothing at all complicated about it. For wreck fishing, it is best to use one hook tied in about 18" above a suitable bank-type sinker (which will range from 5-8 oz.). If the bottom (or wreck) isn't too "sticky," you can add a hook a snell's length above the sinker.

As for the hook needed, there is some leeway. This hook can be a #1 or 1/0 regular shanked Sproat (style #3366), or a #5 Virginia, which is the tried and true blackfisherman's hook. I like this one because of its offset hollow point and barb which seems to hook even the most crafty porgy.

Don't let your concentration wander when porgy fishing. You've got to hook that fish at the first sign of a bite. To wait is to assure baitless hooks. The porgy is speed personified. Artie Leidecker once told me you've got to hook a porgy before it bites.

And I guess maybe he's right. Even if he is an old grump

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NEW IDEAS FOR SHARK BAITS

by Pete Barrett

The old days of dropping a whole, bloody bluefish on a huge hook over the side into a chum slick have gone forever. Today's shark fisherman pays a lot of attention to the way he presents a bait to his favorite game fish, and many shark anglers feel that a properly rigged bait will give them a decided edge—perhaps even help them win a tournament worth thousands of dollars.

Last June, I covered the basics of rigging whole and fillet baits for sharking, so this time around I'll only cover some new approaches that readers have shown us over the winter or new rigging methods I've used since the last story.

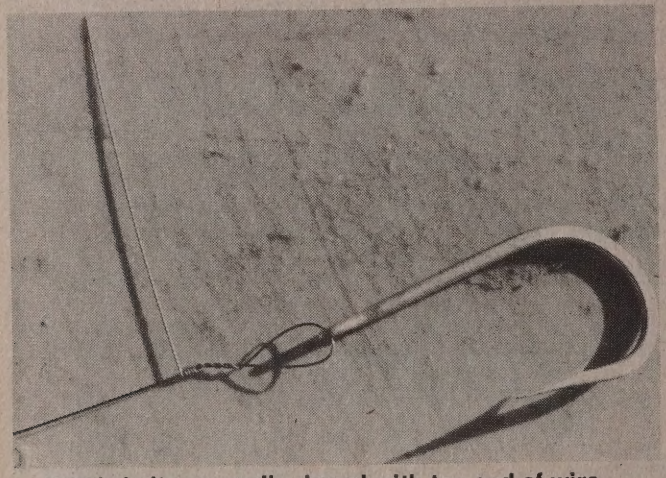
Hook selection is important for quick hookups. The hook that penetrates best is the Mustad #7699 with the offset point, more correctly called a "kirbed" hook. Use it in sizes from 8/0 to 12/0 depending on the size of the bait. Small squid baits or small fillets call for a smaller hook than a whole rigged bluefish or bonito which would be better rigged with a 12/0 hook.

The traditional way to rig whole baits was to run a rigging needle from vent to mouth and seat the hook in the belly of the bait, such as a whole mackerel. Unhappily, many sharks would mouth the bait and chew on it so badly that the hook would become buried inside the bait, even lodged in the skull so that the hook point would never grab solidly—the result, a lost shark.

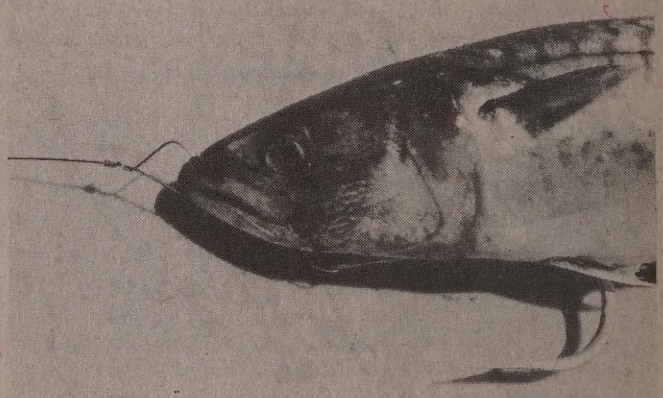
I feel that whole baits are better rigged under the chin. The hook never seems to get lodged and hidden inside the bait no matter how the shark chews on it and once swallowed, the hook is always in a good position for a solid hookup. When rigging a whole bait in this manner, leave the tag end of the single strand wire projecting at a 180° angle away from the bend of the hook. Push the tag end into the nose of the bait and wrap several times around the wire leader being careful not to bend the leader itself, just the tag end. This works well with mackerel, small blues, whiting, ling, small bonito and bunker.

My own preference is for fillet baits; fillet of bluefish as the number one choice. Mackerel, bonito, whiting and bunker will also work. I fish the fillets either alone or also draped with a squid. This combination bait is often referred to as "ham and eggs."

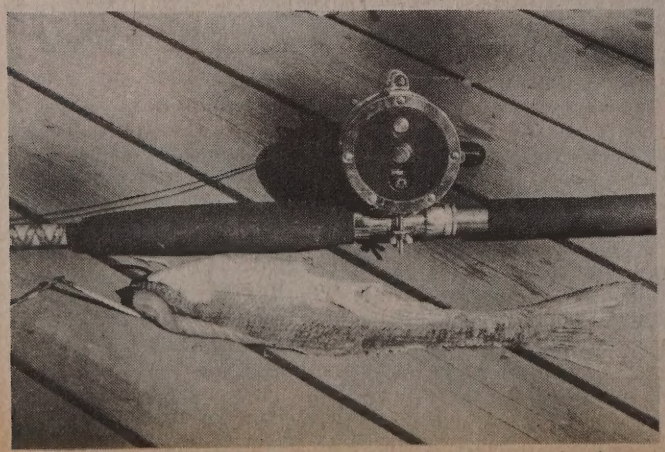
Dave Arbeitman at the Reel Seat custom rod building shop in Pt. Pleasant showed me a neat way to rig fillet baits for more attraction to sharks. Dave has been an avid



Whole baits are easily rigged with tag end of wire...

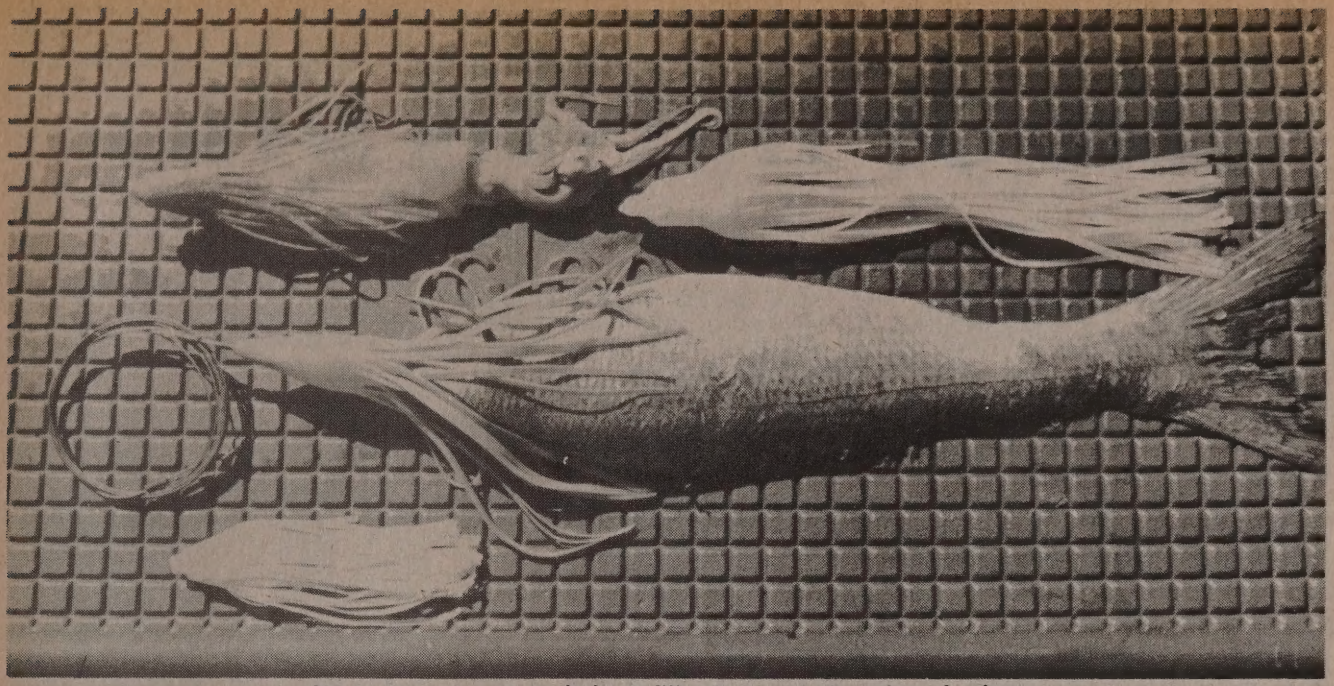


...pushed through nose of bait and then wrapped around leader. Hook is placed below gills.

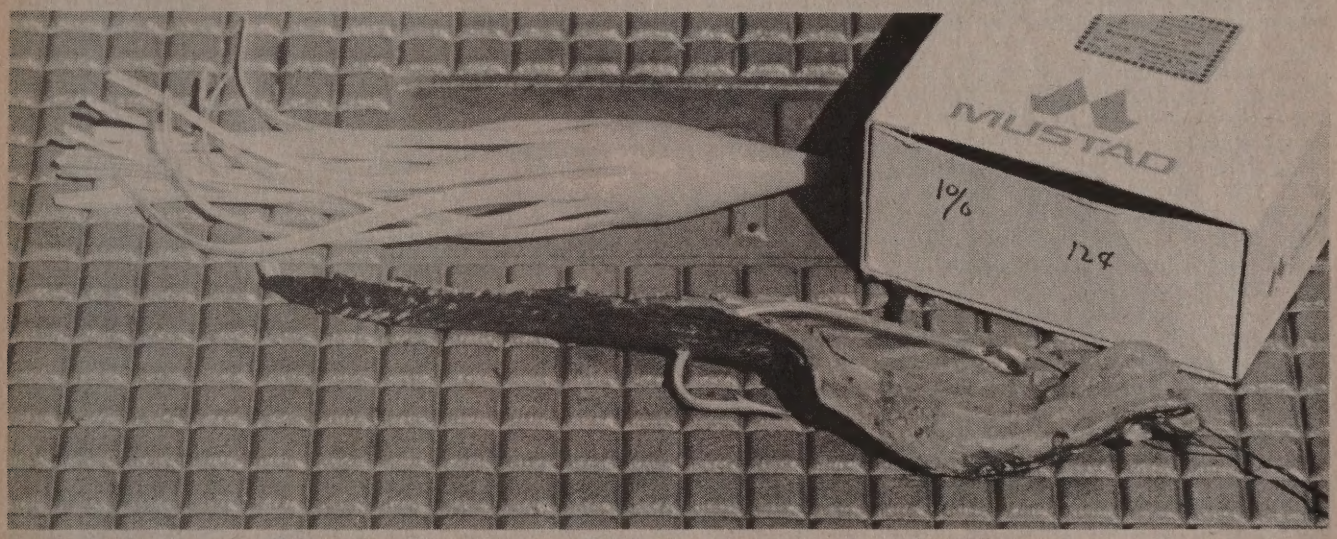


Bluefish fillet and whole squid is famous combo for makos.

Copper rigging wire secures front of bait to hook eye, allows placement of hook further back on bait.



Skirts draped over a whole or fillet bait add attraction of colors.



Small sharks readily take a small fillet on Mustad #34081 O'Shaughnessy hook.

sharker for many years and currently holds the state record for dusky shark, a brute of a fish weighing 513 lbs. Dave adds a colored skirt like the kind used for offshore lures ahead of the bait and draped over the forward end of the bait. Some colors, notably red and orange, arouse the strike instinct of sharks and Dave feels he gets more strikes with the skirts.

The skirts can be added to any fillet bait and also to whole squid or other whole baits like mackerel. The skirts seem to fish more naturally when the whole bait is not too large in proportion to the skirt.

The wild array of teeth in a mako's mouth doesn't afford the mako the chance to make a clean cut on a fillet bait. A mako will chew on and then gulp down a fillet. If the hook is at the very head end of the bait, you can still get a solid hookup once the bait is swallowed. Blue sharks, duskies and sand bars, however, with their closely spaced, regularly patterned bite can chop off the tail end of a fillet with no effort at all. Some mako men don't mind that at all—it saves them the trouble of playing out a smaller shark they have little interest in.

But if you want to increase the frequency of hookups to these other sharks while fishing fillets, plant the hook further down the bait by using rigging thread or copper wire to secure the head end of the bait from flapping in the water. You can also use this method to hold squid baits.

Smaller sharks that show in the slick—sharks you can plainly see before they take a bait—cause the loss of expensive hooks. I use a Mustad O'Shaughnessy hook #34081 in sizes from 10/0 to 12/0 for these small fish when I get the chance to drop a small fillet to them. These hooks were bought at a tackle shop close-out and I paid only $10 for the entire box of each size, so the cost in hooks per shark is only a dime instead of approximately a dollar for the larger hooks. Despite the hook size at 12/0, the smaller diameter shank and hook bend makes the hook the size of an 8/0 when compared to the 7699 style.

I like to keep one rigged with 12 to 20 lb. line and a small bluefish or mackerel fillet secured on the small hook. Whenever a brown, dusky or blue shark is sighted in the slick and swims right up to the boat, we drop this small fillet to him. The battle is fun on the light tackle. I've taken makos to 216 lbs. on this light rig and 20 lb. test line, plus a tiger of 258 lbs. on the same tackle and the small hook and fillet.

Whole baits or fillets, the baits should be kept on ice so they are firm and fresh appearing. A rotten bait that has thawed in the hot sun will rarely get interest from a mako. Hooks should be razor sharp, dressed wtih a file, not a stone, to get a triangular shaped point which penetrates quickly.

A properly presented bait will get the runoff from a mako—once he's hooked, it's hang on for the fun!

THE SPINNER BAIT

by Jerry Blonigen

The spinner bait has probably been around long enough to make Methuselah look like a pup and was probably a pretty hot item in your grandpappy's tackle box. Among the first spinner baits was the Shannon Twin-Spin, circa 1915. It was a lead head jig with a long wire at the head, and from the head wire two short wire weed guards extended back toward the hook. Attached to these weed guards were two very small spinners, and the lead head was dressed with bucktail. Somewhere along the mid-1940, the "safety pin" spinner bait, as we know it, was introduced. Now days there are more makes and models of spinner baits than the fisherman can count, even if he takes off his shoes.

The spinner bait is possibly one of the most versatile lures a fisherman has in his arsenal. It can be fished at the surface, just under the surface, at mid-depths, on the bottom, and as a drop bait. The spinner bait will do almost anything you can do with any other lure. The only possible drawback to this lure is the fisherman who gets locked into only one way of fishing it. This is not to say that the spinner bait is the answer to all of your fishing problems but going fishing without it is like playing poker without the aces.

A good, general purpose spinner bait is a quarter ounce single-spin with a colorado blade and rubber skirt. The first thing I'll do with that spinner bait is make sure that the skirt is reversed and that it has a ball-bearing snap swivel. The ball-bearing snap swivel ensures a smooth spinning blade and makes it easy to change blades to meet the water conditions. Like everything else there are exceptions to my choice of spinner baits. For extra clear, shallow, or still water conditions, a 1/8 oz. spinner-bait and light line is usually the ticket. Cold water or nighttime fishing usually calls for the 1/2 oz. version.

My preference for the colorado blades is due to the flash and vibration they set up. Also, the colorado blade has a tendency to remain at the depth where the retrieve is started. This is a distinct advantage when the fish are suspended. Once you have located the fish, you can count right back down to that depth and stand a good chance of bringing the lure right to them again. The willow leaf and indiana blades do not produce the good vibrations of the colorado and they tend to sink during the retrieve. Another plus for the colorado blade is that you can definitely feel the vibrations through the rod. If the fish are hitting light, you will feel it almost immediately when the blade stops rotating and be able to set up on them.

There is no doubt in my mind that a rubber skirt has it all over a vinyl skirt for flexibility and life-like appearance. Combine these properties with reversing the skirt, so it balloons up, and you have a lure that almost looks like it is breathing as you bring it through the water. To keep those fish-attracting properties a little extra care is needed. Always keep your lures clean, and after each trip dry the skirts thoroughly and sprinkle them with a little talcum powder or corn starch.

Every so often you will find the fish coming up behind the lure and hitting at the blade or nipping at the skirt. Reversing the skirt reduces this to some degree but another way to get the attention of the nippers is a stinger or trailer hook. Normally the trailer hook will match the spinner bait hook in size. Position the trailer hook on the spinner bait so it is turned up when you retrieve the lure. The trailer hook can be secured to the spinner bait in a couple of different ways. Use a paper punch and punch holes in a plastic lid, such as those on coffee cans, then make a small hole in each one using a nail. After putting on a trailer hook, slip one of the pieces of plastic over the spinner bait hook to hold the stinger on. Other materials that can be used to secure the stingers are short lengths of small diameter surgical tubing or model airplane fuel lines.

"My preference for the Colorado blades is due to the flash and vibration they set up."

The one time I will have a real use for a spinner bait with tandem blades is when I buzz the spinner bait. Buzzin' requires a high-speed retrieve so that the blades are just gurgling along the surface and the added lift created by tandem blades makes buzzin' a little easier. Another buzzin' technique is to run the spinner bait just under the surface so that the blades set up a bulging wake. You can combine these retrieves by controlling the speed and alternating the two. The secret to buzzin' is to hold the rod tip high and start the retrieve just before or just as the lure hits the water. When fishing around weed-beds, buzz the lure through the weeds then right at the edge of the weedline, let the lure drop on a tight line. This method has been known to make a believer out of more than one talking size bass.

Even though the spinner bait is not much more than lead and wire, it will require occasional tuning. Generally, you can tune a spinner bait by adjusting the top wire to center on the hook point, as you look at it from the top. You may also have to move the top wire closer to, or farther from, the hook. The spinner bait blade should revolve just above the hook and not tangle in the skirt. Now check the action alongside the boat to make sure it is running true. If the lure is running to the left, adjust the top wire to the right, and if it runs to the right adjust the wire to the left. Each time you catch a fish you should check and see that the wire has not been twisted out of shape. To keep the blade spinning freely, occasionally use a drop of WD-40 on the ball-bearing swivel.

The period between Labor Day and first ice can be some of the best fishing you will experience throughout the year. You pretty much have the water to yourself and the fish are on the feed, getting ready for the winter. For awhile you will be able to use the same lures and tactics that produced during the summer, but soon you will notice the bass have moved deeper and you have had to slow your retrieve way down. Now is the time to shift over to a heavier spinner bait with that big thumping blade. When the water temperature drops the bass will be up next to dropoffs and are really susceptible to falling baits; so fish out of the deep. That is, cast into the shallows from the deep water. Bump the lure along the bottom by raising and lowering the rod tip and taking up the slack with the reel. When you reach the dropoff, pop the spinner bait off the bottom, then drop your rod tip and let the lure fall on a tight line. When it stops falling, bounce it along the bottom just as you did in the shallows. On bright, sunny days, when the water temperature has dropped below 60°, you will often times find the bass laying just off the dropoff. A good color to use during this time of the

A stinger hook can really get the short striker's attention.

year is white with a nickel blade. Don't expect the smashing hits of summer during this time of the year for the fish are sluggish and react very slowly. The only way you may know you have a hit is if you feel the blade stop spinning, see a slight twitch of the line, the lure stops dropping before it should, or even a slight drag on the lure.

In the spring you can start fishing pretty much the way you ended the year, but now you have the added attraction of the spawning cycle. As the fish start for the beds they will migrate up the dropoffs, just like they did on warm, sunny winter days, but they will then start moving into the shallows. You can generally count on the bass nesting right in amongst any cover they can find that still suits their needs for depth and composition of bottom. When you start casting to fish in shallow water, make it a habit to throw well past your target. A hunk of metal falling out of nowhere can really spook a bass. Bounce the lure back to the target and let it drop right there for a few seconds, then start your retrieve again. I have had bass pick it up right off the bottom and I've also had them nail it just as it comes off the bottom. At any rate, there usually is no guessing with springtime bass—they don't hit a lure: they SMASH it. As the weather warms up, so should your retrieve.

Once summer rolls around and your thoughts turn to night fishing, to avoid the crowds on the water, don't forget that spinner bait. A 1¼ oz. spinner bait with a #5 blade or even a 1/2 oz. spinner bait with a #6 blade is like ringing the dinner bell for them oversize bass.

To meet the varying conditions you will run into you should have a good selection of colors and blades. As an example, in clear water, white, yellow and white, or green and white are good, along with a nickel blade. Dingy or cold water usually calls for copper blades with yellow and black, black, or chartreuse and black. This doesn't mean you have to run out and buy a new tackle box to carry all your spinner baits. A handful of spinner baits and a plastic bag full of skirts and blades should make you ready for just about anything.

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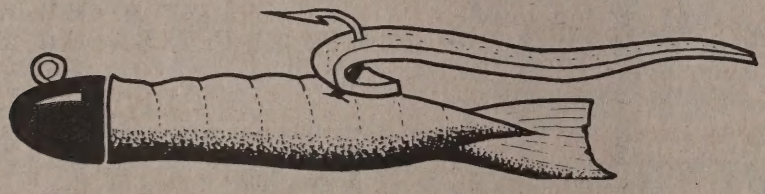

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East End Report

by Stu Miller

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While codfishing remains fairly strong, the massive schools of good sized bluefish that have moved into East End waters are beginning to take over the headlines.

The charter boat **Montauk** has been enjoying fair codfishing but on a daily basis finds the huge bluefish schools that have moved in south of the Point and south of Block Island. The skipper said the blues were all over the place this weekend, averaging 8 lbs., with some gorillas mixed in.

It was a solid catch of 12 lb. blues south of the Point Saturday for Captain Bill Rica of the charter boat **Alyssa Ann** reports **Gone Fishing Marina.** They also topped off the charter's bag with flounder and blacks at Culloden Point. It has been a very good flounder week in general at Culloden on clams, mussel and mussel chum. World record holder Bob Rochetta had some bass on live eels during the week, fish up to 30 lbs., exact spot unknown.

Friday's charter for Fortress Maintenance Co. aboard the charter boat **King Wayne** fished Block Island and scored with 35 cod. They also jigged bluefish up to 14 lbs. Saturday's trip for Buddy Miles, Queens Village pretty much repeated Friday's catch with 40 cod to 15 lbs. and 65 blues to 14 lbs. Cod took clam bait and the blues wanted those diamond jigs.

Local cod are still holding up well said Captain Paul Forsberg of the

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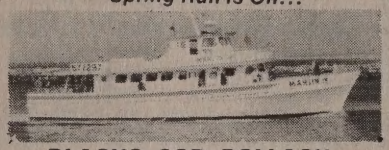

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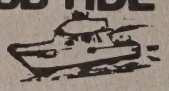

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Viking Fleet who will be continuing his Coxes Ledge runs from here on in. This past weekend was a little slow at Coxes, but fish still averaged 5-15 lbs. and the pools each day were in the 30s and 40s. There has been a definite improvement in the flounder catches aboard the **Viking Starlite** which is working Shagwong and Culloden. The Georges Banks two-day trip from which the boat just returned on Sunday had unbelievable fishing said the skipper. Tons of cod and haddock. Up to 59 lbs. One big halibut estimated at 80 lbs. was lost at the gaff. First prize pool winner for the trip was Roy Doley, NYC with a 59½ lb. cod. Second prize went to Vincent Krisman with a 59 lb. cod. Vince is from North Tarrytown. Due to popular demand an extra Nantucket Wreck trip has been scheduled for Monday, July 5 and will sail at 10PM. See ad and call pronto if interested.

Captain Bud Dorman of the six man limit open boat **Waxed** tells us he has caught porgies everyday. Based on the catch of Saturday and Sunday, Bud figures the porgy fishng is good enough to be rated 'PORGY TIME" for his customers. Not all buckets were topped, but Willy Cornell, Bronx led the way with a slightly overfilled 5-gal. bucket Saturday. The porgies are mostly medium-big to jumbo in size.

The Potts family strikes again, even with the crummy weather. Tuesday's charter on the **BLue Fin IV** for the Livings group fished near Cartwright and hoisted 15 blues in just a half hour of umbrella trolling. These were 12-14 lb. fish. The boat then moved a little further offshore and wailed away on 35 cod in the 15-25 lb. range also in the Cartwright vicinity. Friday's trip on the **BF I** saw 60 blues go into the

box from 12-14 lbs. along with 12 cod which took bait. All around Cartwright. Friday's charter on the **BF IV** could not get a bass but did hoist 30 blues which were trolled at Cartwright. Saturday's trip for the Ferrara group aboard the **BFI** accounted for 130 choppers in the 5-14 lb. range at Cartwright. The **BF IV** on Saturday fished Mr. Carr and party and at the Point hooked up with 2, 25 lb. stripers, 15 blues and a fluke, all trolled with bucktails. Sunday's trip on the **BF IV** was to Cartwright again, the charter taking 47 blues from 12-17 lbs. and 32 cod, four of which were in the 30s and most of the rest from 15-20 lbs.

Saturday's trip for Angel Gordils and party aboard the charter boat **Julie III** accounted for 53 nice flounder from 1¼ -3¼ lbs. plus 3 blackfish to 10 lbs. at Culloden Point. On Sunday the boat's skipper Capt. Ron Grandinetti fished on Eddie Benbeniduchi's boat and caught 800 plus lbs. of blues and 5 cod. They also had a 3½ lb. pollack, all south of Block.

Most of our week's trips were cancelled due to weather, said Capt. Phil Lewis os the charter boat **Adios**, then Thursday's trip saw loads of kelp in the water which gathered on the umbrella rigs and made fishing a nightmare. In spite of this, the Kamaga party rang the bell with 2 bass and over 50 bluefish. Another trip for the Vincenti party bagged over 60 blues Friday on umbrellas at Cartwright. Saturday's trip for the Leon Jones group duplicated Friday's results.

IT was a picky striped bass week was the comment of Captain Jack Passie of the charter boat **Windy**. We had 3 bass Tuesday night on trolled plugs and 1 bass each of the next two nights. Fish ran in the 20-39 lb. range. On Sunday's trip 60 blues were in the box by 10AM, fish 6-10 lbs. There's just super bluefishing, said Jack. He's been getting them south of the light at Cartwright on umbrellas with the fish being very very close to the top.

West Lake Fishing Lodge advises that Capt. Len Gregorio of the charter boat **Bear** on Saturday afternoon fished the Babylon Widows Club and they cleaned up on flounder up to 4 lbs.at Culloden on clam bait and clam chum. Loads of blues at Cartwright in the 12 lb. class and they are responding well to diamond jigs.

Skipper Art Munday of the charter boat **Darius II** has been having strong mixed catches of cod and blues at CIA with the cod wanting bait and the blues finding jigs much to their liking. Smaller cod if wanted are still at Southwest Ledge. An occasional bass is being trolled up and Capt. Munday advises he still has some choice weekday dates available.

Captain Joe McBride of the charter boat **My Mate** called to let us know about the excellent bluefishing in the Cartwright area that's happening right now and to pass the word on he

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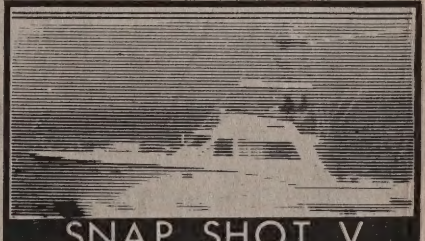

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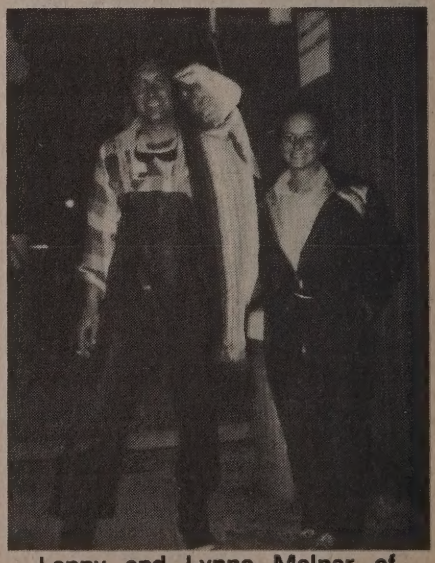
The Sag Harbor open boat **Wilhelric II** reports porgy have seen a considerable improvement over the week fishing Plum Island and Crow Shoals. Saturday saw catches in the 20s and 30s a man. Sunday the boat ran its first fluke trip of the season and Peter Bilella, Plainedge, took the pool with a 9 lb. 8 oz. fluke, plus 2 other fluke in the 5 lb. class. The skipper advises that now is the best time to give it a try if you're after some doormat fish.

Bayview Fishing Station in Sag Harbor tells us porgies are being caught at Cedar Point and a few flounder along with them, all on worms and clam. Lots of blues at Mahomack Point in the 3-4 lb. range. Wire line and umbrellas are the ticket. A few weaks are mixed in with the blue demons. Nice size porgies in Peconic and the first really good porgy action of the season has apparently just begun.

Two dozen nice porgies taken on clam and clam chum was the prize Saturday for Felix Cortes and son Ron of Manhattan fishing out of **Noyac Marina**, Noyac. They worked the west side of Jessups. Some blues from buoy 17 area and some blowfish from the bay.

Over in Shinnecock, **Speck's Bait & Tackle** tells of porgies in Peconic at buoy 18, fish 3/4 to 1½ lbs. Saturday on clam. A few scattered weaks and flounder at South Race. Shinnecock Bay is still holding flounder and fluke which should cause a lot of activity once the weather normalizes. Gardiner's IslanD, particularly the eastern plains area has been producing very good catches of blackfish up to 7 lbs. plus some porgies. Porgies have also



Lanny and Lynne Molnar of Molnar's Landing in Hampton Bays and their first striper of the '82 season. The 27 lb. fish was taken while live-lining in Shinnecock Inlet.

Izzzy, David and Larry Gordon with 62 flounder caught at the 'Elbow' in Moriches Bay on 5/31. Fishing was done out of Silly Lily Fishing Station.

been reportedly caught at Cedar Point and Sag Harbor.

The **Capt. Clark II** sailing from Shinnecock Canal passes along the word that the porgy fishing in Peconic Bay has improved dramatically. More fish are moving in on the wrecks with Sunday being the best day of the season so far. Over 350 porgies were caught by 16 fares along with blackfish 4-6 lbs. Wednesday saw exceptionally good sea bass action on ocean wrecks along with ling, blacks and a few cod. On Saturday a strong east wind and heavy seas held the catches down. The skipper plans an ocean wreck trip this coming Saturday, June 19 and Wednesday June 23. Call for further info.

South Shore Report

by Fred Golofaro

EAST END BAYS & INLETS

Over at **Molnar's Landing** in Hampton Bays, Lanny Molnar was enthused about the good showing of bass over the weekend. Liveliners took a number of big fish in the inlet on night tides. Saturday night, Gary Z. put away 6 fish from 29 to 44½ pounds while another boatman managed 3 big fish the same night. Blues in the 5-8 pound range were found outside of Shinnecock Inlet in 85-110 feet of water. Umbrella rigs fished on 350-400' of wire has been the ticket to loading the box with choppers. To demonstrate just how fouled up things are due to all the easterlies

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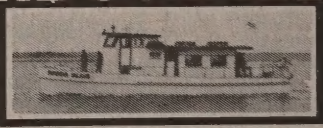
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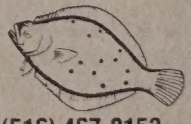
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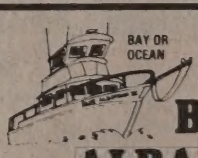

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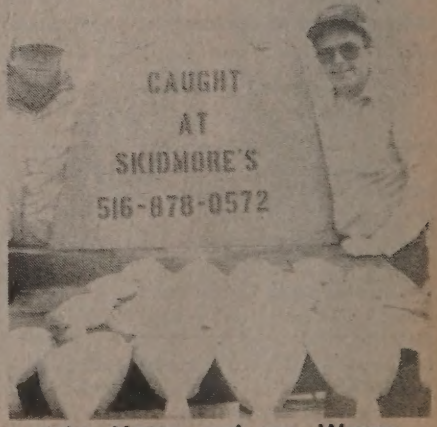
we've been having, Lanny told of two boats that roamed out to the canyon last week and couldn't even find 60 degree water temperature. One of the boats wast the Islander. Inside the bay flounder fishing remained good at the Coast Guard Station and in the basket area but action has been confined to incoming water. Quite a few fluke now settled into the bay with Richie Parisen working East Channel for 46 keepers to 5 pounds on Thursday. Lanny reminded that he still has some good slips available and noted that the marina is geared to the serious fisherman. If you're still looking for a slip that is accessable to some very fine inshore and offshore fishing call Lanny at 728-1860.

Over in Moriches Bay, Gary at **Silly Lilly Fishing Station** bemoaned the fact that east wind over the weekend hurt the fluking but was enthused about the fishing during the week. Charles and JoAnne Kukenis worked the drop-offs near buoys 42 and 43 to take 21 fluke up to 4 pounds. Good catches were also made during the week at buoy 38 and at the Elbow. Spearing, sand eels and squid are all working on the flatties. For those still looking for flounder there are still a good number of decent sized fish at buoys 36 and 39. For bass fans a few big stripers being livelined on bunkers near the inlet.

Bluefishing outside of Moriches Inlet has taken a turn for the better with Capt. Fred on the charter boat **Sea Mist** telling of some exceptional fishing. On Saturday, Fred fished a party headed by Art Gaynors. They boated over 200 pounds of blues. Fred knew of some blue sharks taken prior to the most recent blow. It was the only positive news on the offshore scene but Fred hoped that as soon as the weather settles the makos will take hold in time for the Moriches Anglers Tournament scheduled for this weekend.

Good fluking at buoy's 36 and 39-42 according to Jim DeVita of **Skidmore's Fishing Station**. 75% of the fish are keepers with all the usual baits being effective. Flounder still being taken in the deep hole at buoy



John Kropp and son Wayne with 21 fluke taken in Moriches Bay at the "Elbow." The pair fished out of Skidmore's Fishing Station.

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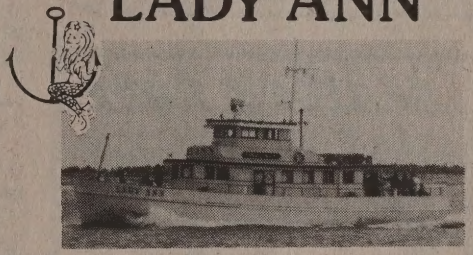

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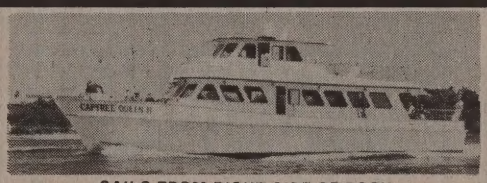

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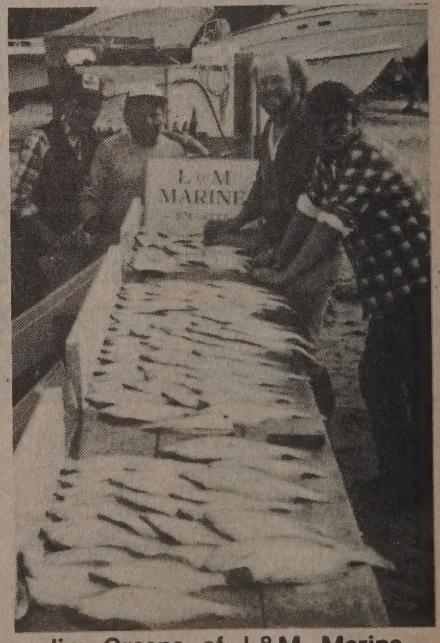
39 and as far as the weekend is concerned Jim labelled it a wash-out.

Another to lament the weekend's foul weather was Al Lassen at **Hi-Way Fishing Station**. Al was encouraged by the number of fish in the bay but fed up to his ears with the weather which has kept angler turnout to a minimum. Good flounder fishing is still available at buoys 29, 36 and 39 with one boat taking 56 flatties just prior to the weekend. Fluke are improving in size with the biggest during the week being a 5 pounder and catches varying from 8-30 fish per boat. Best bet for the fluke was at the Elbow, buoy 42 and in the West Cut. Lots of big blues to 14 pounds outside of the inlet and a couple of bass to 15 pounds checked in by trollers over the weekend.

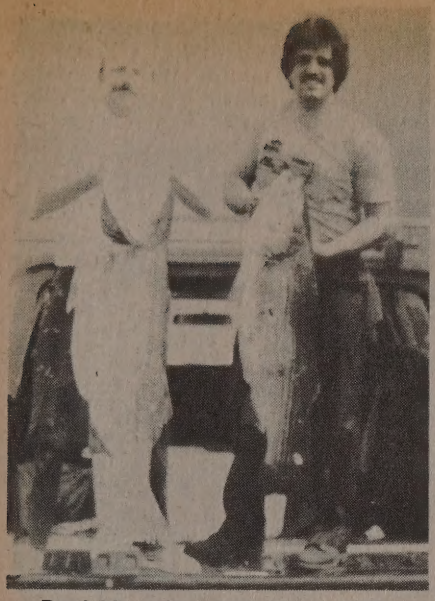
With very few fishermen out due to the weather, Gary at **Stiriz's Fishing Station** had to revert back to the week for a decent report. Fluking before the blow had been good at buoys 20-21 and from buoys 12-14. Gary noted also that there are still flounder available between buoys 25 and 27.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

A good spread of fluke throughout Great South Bay but most of his boats have been zeroing in on the Point 'O Woods to Ocean Beach area. This from Vinny at **South Bay Fishing Station** in W. Sayville. He added that the current ratio of keepers to shorts is up around 75% in his opinion. Vinny was somewhat encouraged by a showing of small summer run weaks



Jim Greene of L&M Marine Fishing Station in East Moriches joined friends Ed King, Kevin King and Mike Santorello for some super flounder fishing N.E. of buoys 41 and 42. The group finished with 156 flatties up to 2 lbs.



Paul Hoercher and Andy Mendolia with stripers of 53 and 33 lbs. taken on live eels from the south shore surf in late May. Paul's cow was very likely the first "50" of the '82 Long Island season.

in the area just prior to the weekend's easterly storm. Things will have to settle down before we know if the fish are still around. There are some blowfish mixed in with the fluke and there has been some very good crabbing in the Connetquot River.

Once again, the salt water scene took a beating due to the miserable weather. Constant east winds have hurt the fishing in the bay. Nonetheless, there were some signs that even the fish have had their fill of the weather. John Olsen and Rick Kennehan found 9 weaks from 5-8 pounds in the inlet on Sunday morning and blues moved into the area in force on Saturday with small fish swarming the inlet area and bigger fish further offshore. Freshwater fishing remained a bright spot with good fishing in the park and a few nice trout still coming off of the wall and out of Bubbles Falls. Just down the road from Bubbles on Sunday, 11 year old Brian Conway of Oakdale took a rainbow of 1 pound 2 ounces.

Despite it being two week old news, we felt it worthy of mention that Atlantis Angler's Club member Carmine Farresi had his weakfishing at Oak Beach interrupted by a 4.3 pound porgy which found his whole sandworm. The porgy is the largest that we here at The Fisherman have heard of ever coming from Great South Bay.

Working our way west to Bay Shore, Carl Miller of **Smokey's Bait & Tackle** while somewhat depressed over the fourth straight week of foul weather was buoyed by an excellent showing of bluefish in the Fire Island area. Fish were found from inside the inlet and spread well offshore with a concentration of 8-12 pound choppers worked over by trollers ½ mile east of the Whistle Buoy on Sunday. Inside

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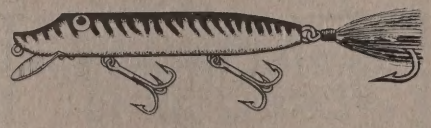

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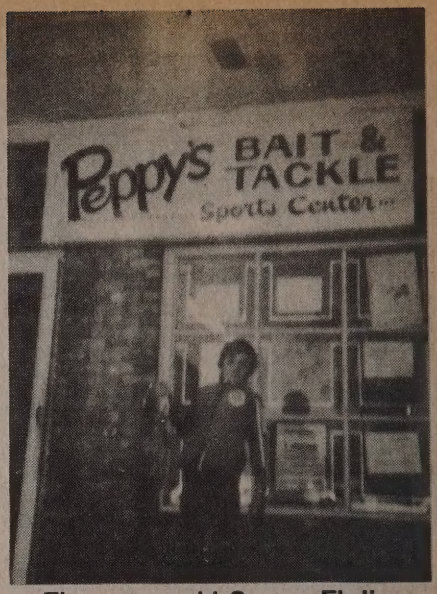

Eleven-year-old George Ehrlinger shows an 8½ lb. weakfish he caught at Ocean Beach on a strawberry jelly worm. It was weighed at Peppy's Bait & Tackle in East Islip.

the bay on Saturday, Dennis Miccio had 5 weaks from 2-6 pounds at west channel on Jelly worms. He also had an 8½ pound blue and had an number of Jelly worms chopped by other blues. Of the fluking in the inlet area Carl labelled it fair overall with some days being very tough due to wind against tide conditions.

Good fluking during the week and weekend according to Capt. Neil Delanoy of the Bay Shore open boat **Casey Lee**. The skipper has been working around East Island and West Island for the most part with a good number of the fish being taken keepers. Pool fish is generally in the 3-4 pound range with sand eels, spearing and squid all taking their share of fish. On Sunday's trip, "Doc" Savage wash high hook with 18 keepers. Capt. Neil noted a slight improvement in his 4PM trips over the weekend with 2-4 fluke a man being taken.

Captree boats enjoyed fair fluking most of the week with skippers working for the most part between West Island and the Inlet. Others such as Capt. Ed Laske of the charter boat **Dixie** finding fish in the State Channel. Fishing a group of Manhatten Attorneys headed by Kevin Curtin on Saturday and wound up with over 60 keepers fishing most of incoming water with killies. The skipper noted that due to a recent cancellation he has an opening on July 10.

Capt. Carl Passero of the open boat **Jib VI** said that weather has been a factor in the fluking but decent fishing has been the rule overall. Carl took temperature reading at the inlet on Sunday and found only 55 degrees on the flood and 60 degrees on the Ebb so that fishing can only improve as water temperatures climb to where they belong. Best baits have been killies and spearing with fares avera-

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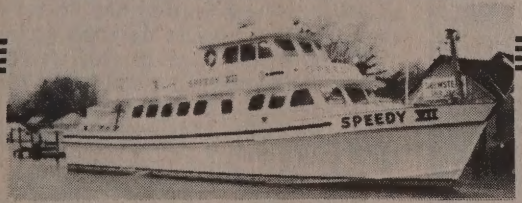

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ging 8-10 fluke a man with about a 70% keeper ratio. The skipper also noted that there was a big showing of tailor blues in the inlet Saturday morning with a few bigger blues and some weakfish mixed in. He also asks that customers note a change in his sailing schedule to daily ½ day trips beginning on Saturday, 6/19, at 8AM and 1PM.

On the open boat **Capt. Rod**, Capt. Westerlind spoke of a tough day on Sunday and fair fishing on Saturday working the West Channel to the Inlet. Fish are decent size for the most part with a definite improvement noted in the keeper ratio.

Fair fluking during the week and somewhat slower on Saturday according to Capt. Charlie Kennedy of the open boat **Capt. Joseph II**. Due to Sunday's deluge the boat did not sail. The skipper has been working from the bridge to the Inlet with a 50-50 keeper ratio most days and a decent number of 3-4 pound fluke beginning to mix in. Charlie was more enthused by the good run of blues which developed at the Whistle Buoy. As a result, he will begin sailing for night blues on Friday, 6/18, at 7PM.

On the **Capt. Leitch Iv**, Capt. Richie Leitch spoke of a steady improvement in the fluking all week long only to have the weekend weather unsettle the fishing again. The east winds made for difficult drifting conditions but Richie expects things to pick up again as soon as the weather straightens out. Most consistent fishing has been found in the Inlet area with the keeper ratio set at about 50%.

Capt. Speedy Hubert of the **Speedy VI** called asking us to remind customers that the boat is now up in the yard getting spruced up for the busy season ahead. If all goes well, the skipper anticipates being back in the water by this Wednesday and then beginning the bluefish run on Friday, 6/18, at 7AM and 7PM daily.

Plenty of blues from inside the inlet right on out with the fish getting bigger the deeper you go according to Ralph at **Augie's Bait and Tackle** in Babylon. Most boatmen have been doing a very good job on the fish despite the weather on umbrella rigs trolled deep with wire. One private boat working the 70' depths on Saturday loaded up with 70 blues averaging 10 pounds. The overall fluke picture has been fair with some tough days mixed in. Offshore fans should note that one boat running to the Texas Tower prior to the weekend found water temperature readings of only 55 degrees. All agree that we

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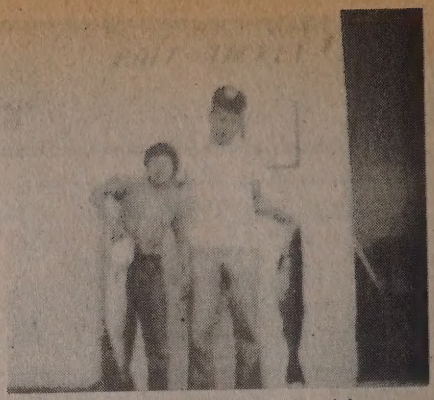

Sean Crowley on the left with an 8¼ lb. weak and Bob Mergner with a 10¾ lber. taken at Ocean Beach from a skiff rented at Sea Gull Marina in Babylon.

need a steady diet of Southerly winds to set the offshore scene straight.

Babylon Captain's Association charter boat **Luci II** and the open boat **Pooka V** have been finding a fair number of fluke in the State Channel between the Babylon Cut and the Captree drawbridge. Some days have been tough, however with weather being the biggest factor. Capt. Jack of the Luci II noted that there was a showing of weaks in West Channel prior to the weekend and expressed hope that this fishing would redevelop as the weather settles.

Blues from 4-7 pounds were found in 75' of water south of the lighthouse by boatmen trolling wire and umbrellas according to Mike of **Lindenhurst Bait & Tackle**. One customer returned with over 30 choppers on the weekend. Fluke fishing has its bright spots despite overall fair fishing. On Saturday Dick Brave and friends worked Dickerson Channel to the tune of 50 keeper fluke up to 3½ pounds. They used both killies and sand eels with squid strips.

SOUTH OYSTER BAY

Bluefish outside both Fire Island and Jones inlet with bigger fish 10 miles off the beach. Wire and umbrella rigs are accounting for nearly all of the choppers according to Gary at **Jonas Bait & Tackle** in Copaigue. In spite of the weather, good blackfishing still available at the bridges on fiddler crabs and green crabs.

Moving over into the Seaford area, Art Wright of **Capt. Eddie's Fishing Station** spoke of good fluke fishing during the week at four corners and in Great Island Channel. On Saturday, Mike Golabek corralled 14 fluke up to 3½ pounds on live killies at four corners. Some blacks and sea bass around at the bridge and a couple of school bass chummed on clam bellies at the third Wantagh Bridge according to Art.

"We need some weather" exclaimed Lon of **Wanser's Tackle Shop** in Seaford. The weather slowed up the weekend somewhat but good

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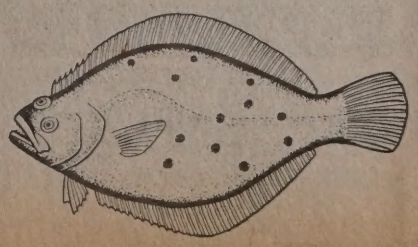
fluking was the rule all week long at Four Corners, Ft. Neck Point, Massapequa Cove, Sloop Channel and the second bridge with 50% of the fish keepers. Despite the weather Ann and Steve Weiss worked the 2nd bridge and Ft. Neck Pt. on Saturday to the tune of 45 keepers on killies, spearing and squid. Still some flounder at 3rd bridge and the M.B. Bridge and some bass as well. The bass are being taken on clam bellies. A few weakfish being taken on sandworms at the bridges after dark and small blues in the inlet during the week and off of the J.B. Tower through the weekend.

Roy at **Merrick Tackle** in Bellmore enjoyed a busy weekend despite the lousy weather. The tackle man attributed the bustle to frustrated anglers who've reverted back to rod building and repair as an outlet for their frustration. On the fishing scene, Roy called the fluking fair on most days and added that flounder are still available in the deeper holes for those interested. A few bass around for clam chummers at the bridges. For offshore fans, Richie Koch aboard his Libra told of dropping a big eye tuna at the canyon despite finding an average water temperature of only 57 degrees.



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WEST END BAYS & INLETS

This part of our area, weather permitting continues to provide fair to very good fluking with more and more being done in the ocean. Also bluefish have become a choice target of opportunity for several of the area's open and charter boats. The charter boat **Mickey II** on Saturday sailed Jim Zehner, Wantagh and group from Cannon Camera and had a good pick of fluke in the Jones Inlet area. High hook was 8 keepers and they totalled 35 keepers for the day. Sunday's trip for Bill Perdo of NY Telephone, NYC and group fought a wind versus tide situation, but still managed 20 keeper fluke. The skipper is taking reservations for a special 8-man limit shark charter and is also featuring reduced rates on the weekdays.

The **Capt. Lou Fleet** fished off Riis Park Thursday and did very well with these larger fish. Friday was a reported slaughter off Riis Park as evidenced by Charlie Martin and his 26 keeper fluke, Sol Friedman and his 27 keeper fluke, Mark Jendreski and his 24 keepers, J. Tompkins and his 6 lb. fluke and Dick Hallahan who had 40 keepers out of 80 fish caught. Super fluking said the skipper with sand eels the hottest bait. Fluking was excellent in the ocean once weather smiled down and that all you really need to score well are steady northwest winds blowing, affording ideal drifts.

Excellent bluefishing, said Capt. Richie Kessinger of the **Starstream II**. Sunday was great at the Mud Hole (Monster Ledge). Fish averaged 8-12 lbs., all on diamond jigs. Every drift was good and they only made 6 the whole day, such as the length and productivity of each drift. Monday through Thursday also saw very good fishing outside Jones Inlet and at Farms. Weather has been a factor with good weather giving good to excellent fishing results. The skipper said it looks like a very promising bluefishing season coming up.

The **Capt. Al** which is presently sailing day and night bluefish advises that catches are good with the day jig fish running 3-5 lbs. and the chum fish at night running up to 12 lbs. Fishing is local, roughly an hour from the dock. No slaughter yet says Al, but lots of action. Sunday's catch was also good considering the miserable wind and rain conditions we had.

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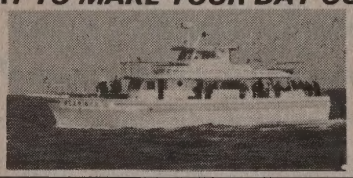

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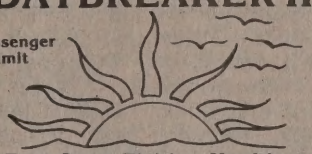

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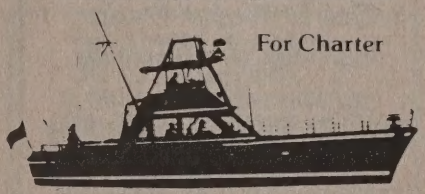

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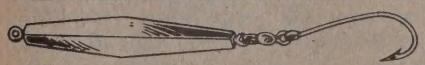

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open boat and 10 men had a good pick on fluke in the inlet and Reynolds Channel. High hook was Jim Moreno with 21 keepers. The 2¾ lb. pool fish was caught by Frank Martino. Saturday's charter for Sanford Block and friends had a slower pick on fluke. Chet Downs was high hook with 10 fluke, while Sanford Block took the pool with an even 3 lber. Sunday's trip for Telethon Hydropower Co. of New Rochelle fished the same area with high hook honors to Benny Fentress with 15 fluke. Pool honors went to Ed Watson with a 2½ lber. Those who stayed at the rail despite the pew weather, caught fish. For Father's Day the skipper will be sailing a half day fluke trip at 8AM by reservation only.

Heavy concentrations of blues reports Gary of **Hook, Line and Sinker Bait and Tackle**, in 40' of water on wire line and umbrellas with fish 3-5 lbs. Reynolds Channel is the spot to pick up on your fluking once you resume fluking around, said Gary.

Captain Sy Karlin's **Bluefin Fleet** felt that he had his best fluking of the season so far this week. Thursday's trip for Modell's worked just off the beach at Riis Park and totaled 120 keeper fluke with spearing working best followed by belly bait. Al Schaefer had over 30 keepers himself. Tuesday's trip for CitiBank fished local waters and off Riis Park. Mr. Gilles took the pool with a 4 plus lb. fluke. Blues were also caught as was one mack. Friday was a repeat of Thursday's trip for Polish American Lines with over 80 keeper fluke and some blues filling out bags. Saturday's trip for the St. Lawrence Fishing Club, Bronx, saw George Bowers grab honors with an over 4 lb. fish. Fred Godel was high hook with 17 keeper fluke. On Sunday's trip, 8 year old Pete Saporito hoisted up a 4 lb. pool winner while standing in the rain. Jones inlet was the hotspot. Allan Gish of New Hyde Park of Eagle Electric also had a 4 lb. fluke. Plenty of fluke around said the skipper.

It was a 240 lb. mako shark that caused all the excitement. This was the report from **Hudson Point Fishing**

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Captain Dan Pollara's charter boat **Nan-Sea** on Sunday fished Sunrise Auto Parts and trolled up a few large bluefish before they had to return early due to the extremely bad weather.

We had super fluking off Riis Park said Captain Spider Schmidt of the **Aloma II**, except for Sunday. Catches have been averaging 5-18 keeper fluke a man, with fish up to 6 lbs. This Saturday night the boat will start night bluefishng from 6:30 to 12:30 AM.

The **Aloma** and **Bluefin** fleet officially challenge any Captree group to a soft ball champsionship. The Captree Representatives should call Capt. Spider Schmidt.

The **Freeport Boatmen's Association** informs us the **Super Spray II** continues to bang away at the fluke in Jones and off Lido. The association charter boats this week have been doing their fluking off Riis Park. Charter boat **Mistress II** trolled 26 blues in just 2 hours at the Whistler. These were mainly 5 lbs. Lots of blues around. The Atlantic caught a 7 lb. blackfish while working the inlet for fluke. The fluke are in roughly a 50 per cent keeper ratio at present.

Over in Baldwin, Jan at **Thompsons Deli** weighed in a 3½ lb. fluke for Harry Frank taken on sand eels in Scow Creek on Incoming water Thursday.

Lots of short fluke but also enough keepers said Mike at **Arthur Street fishing Station** of the weekday fishing this past week. He also told about the 3-6 lb. blues being taken in 40' of water off the hotels on umbrellas.

Down in Point Lookout the half-day fluke boat **Capt. Bill** had good fluking in the beginning of the week which seemed to slow down as the week progressed. High hooks generally ran 8-9 keepers. Good fishermen caught the best this week as the pickings got tougher. Bill has been working the Jones Inlet area.

Fluke catches were pretty good during the week reported **Ed's Fishing Station** with Middle Bay and Reynolds Channel holding up well on sand eels, spearing and squid.

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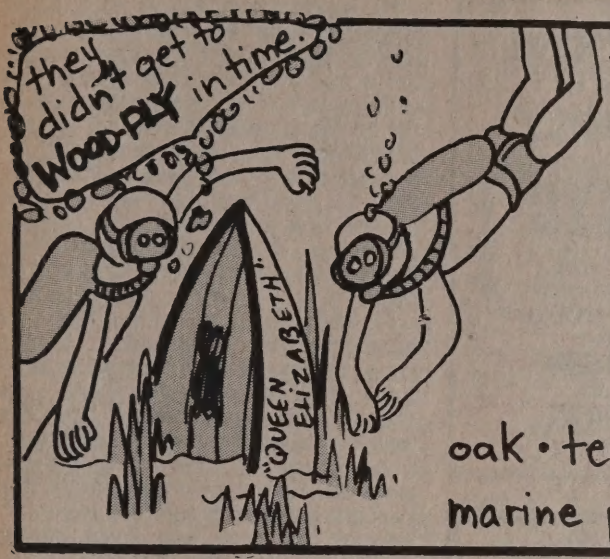

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Charter boat **Marie III** on Thursday fished a group of teachers from Andrew Jackson High School, Queens and had fair to good fluking from Cinder Creek to Pole 20 in the morning and in the inlet in the afternoon. Saturday's group had good fluking in the morning off Riis Park with fish to 4 lbs. Sixty out of 100 were keepers. In the afternoon, the party worked Reynolds and had roughly 100 fluke, 20 percent of the keeper variety. Sunday's trip worked Reynolds and the Inlet and had fair fluking but had to return early due to conditions. Sand eels worked best in the inlet and outside while spearing and squid worked best in the back. The boat still has some openings for the July 3 and 4 open shark trip.

On the half day fluke boat **Miss Point Lookout** Captain Ron says he had some good and some slow days this week. On one of the better days, Isabel Olsen scored with a 5 lb. fluke just 2 minutes before quitting time. Everyday fares also had some bluefish mixed in with their catch. Please

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Over in Atlantic Beach Captain Ronnie Lepper of the guide boat **Kim** won the Atlantic Beach Striper Tournament this weekend.

Fluke off Long Beach said Al of **Reynolds Reef Fishing Station**, between buoys 3 and 5. Fish caught there are full of sand eels. Also try the eastern side of the AB bridge east to the inlet and between buoys 8 and 10. Bluefishing has been very good off the beach from Playland to Riis Park and at Ambrose Channel on the Jersey side and at the Tin Can on umbrellas. Blackfish at the Silver Point jetty on green crabs and fiddlers.

Further down in Island Park we hear from the **Commodore** of the super fluking their fares have had all week fishing off Riis Park, the channel and also in the bay. Catches have averaged 20 keeper fluke a man. Sunday was off due to the stinko weather. Fish are averaging 2 lbs. but keepers have been running from 14" up to 2 lbs. and Capt. Clem agrees "there's a lot of fish around."

And over in Long beach, **Long Beach Sports Marina** informs us that fluke action continues solid in Debs Inlet, off Riis Park, buoys 3 and 5 in Reynolds. Things were good right through Saturday. Best score was 42 keepers up to 4 lbs. for Bob Silvestre and Bob Baker. They fished Debs Saturday with killies. A few blowfish and sea bass and flounder at the AB Bridge. Try worms or clam. Blues at the Tin Can and in 40' of water off the Rockaways on umbrellas.

NEW YORK BIGHT

Skippy's Bait and Tackle in East Rockaway says his customers are still working on the good body of fluke that's taken residence in Reynolds channel and Debs Inlet. Lots of throwbacks but also lots of keepers said boss man Skippy. Some fair stripers being caught at the Tin Can Grounds with Skippy weighing in 4 bass that were umbrellaed up to 36 lbs. Fluke and small bass at the AB bridge and at Breezy Point jetty. Riis Park has had good numbers of nice sized fluke taken off its beaches. Good crabbing now going on in Bay Park. Big bluefish in deep water. We need some good weather said el skipo.

To the west in Jamaica Bay **Cross Bay Bait & Tackle** notes that small porgies are starting to be caught off both bridges. Some blues and weaks from 3-15 lbs. are being taken from the North Channel bridge at night on either tide on bunker chunks.

Victor Abadia had a 12 lb. bass off the South Channel bridge on bunker chunk in outgoing water early Thursday morning.

Moving over to Howard Beach, the charter boat **Thermocline** with a weekday charter scored with a number of blues up to 6 lbs. at the Tin Can with a bonus bass every once in awhile on umbrellas and jigs. Sun-

day's trip for Scuba Exchange, Brooklyn, resulted in the information passed from the depths that there are loads and loads of big blackfish on the inshore wrecks in 30' of water off Riis Park and Breezy Point. From 120' on out, there are schools of big bluefish.

Over in Sheepshead Bay Neil at **Stella Maris Bait and Tackle** notes there are a lot of fluke around off Manhattan Beach on the flats with a 60 percent keeper ratio, fish up to 5 lbs. Bluefish at the Tin Can and off Coney Island in the 2-5 lb. range for trollers and diamond jiggers. Some bass being taken off the Marine Parkway bridge, 69th St. Pier on chunk bunker. Small porgies now in the bay.

Fantastic blackfishing said Captain Tom Palladino of the **Pilot II**, area blackfish specialist. These fish are being picked off the Jersey stones and are running 2-9 lbs. on green crab. The afternoon bluefishing trips have been very productive also with some nights catches going up to as many as 25 and 30 fish for high hook honors.

Captain Mike of the charter boat **Day Breaker** tells us that in the last 4 days, his charters had a total of 450 blues on diamond jigs fishing between Ambrose and Sandy Hook channel. Larger fish are at 17 Fathoms and the Mud Hole. Some good fluke have been caught also, particularly Saturday on the red side of Ambrose with a 50 percent keeper ratio. The fluke are averaging 2 lbs. and going up to 6.

We've had good fluking all week said Capt. Butch of the open boat **Zephyr**. Areas being worked are Riise Park, off the CI flats and the black side of Ambrose. Keepers are averaging 15-40 fish a man with pools in the 6-7 lb. range. On Wednesday, 44 keeper fluke were taken to 6 lbs. 8 oz. for Steve Yaworsky. Lots of keepers and lots of shorts on sand eels and spearing.

Over the waves in Staten Island, Kevin at **Santo's Sport Shop** had plenty of fluke to tell about from Great Kills Park in the 2-6 lb. range. Plenty of throwbacks as well, with fish gobbling squid, spearing and sand eels. Plenty of bluefish at South Beach, Norton's Point, Hoffman and Swinbourne Islands on Kastmasters, Hopkins and Krocodiles in the 1 oz. variety. Trolling with tubes and bunker spoons is also killing these choppers which are mixed up to 16 lbs., averaging 8 lbs. LOADS of 3-5 lbers.

WESTERN SOUND

Big blues being taken by trollers and also on mackerel chunks near the Throgs Neck Bridge, according to John Palmieri of **John's Bait and Tackle** in New Rochelle. The blues make up the bulk of the action in the area now with good fishing for choppers in the 3-6 lb. class also going on off of Mamaroneck. Back to the Throgs Neck bridge blues, Richard Bonelli had 4 choppers up to 14 lbs. on mackerel chunks Sunday aboard the private boat Jacqueline. Bass have shown some improvement with night worm trollers beginning to take a toll in the area. Bob Aurisy had 2 stripers in the 20 lb. class on worms Friday evening. John labelled the blackfishing in the area as decent with fiddlers accounting for most of the fish.

Over at **Jack's Bait and Tackle** in City Island, John DeCuffa spoke of lots of blues at Execution Light and Stepping Stone light. Larry Rufa had 30 one day last week with both mackerel and bunker chunks doing the damage. Flounder still around the area and blackfishing holding up nicely. John told of weighing in a 15 lber. last week. He also relayed word that the open boat **North Star** had a bunch of sea bass on Sunday's trip to the Norwalk Islands. Both flounder and blackfish are also being worked over by the open boat fleet. For bass fans, some big stripers taken in recent days off of Prospect Point and Sands Point on live bunker.

Blackfishing has been keeping us going, according to Captain Joe Fink of the Glen Cove open boat **Lady Lil III**. The skipper has been working Lloyds Neck and the Matinecock and Bayville shores for the tautogs. Overall, he called the fishing decent with an occasional slow day mixed in. Sue Wiecsorek of Bellrose copped Wednesday's pool with a 7 lb. blackfish, Saturday's pool was taken by Joel Lizza with a 6 lber, and Charles Nugent followed Joel for second prize money. Saturday's fishing was done at the Norwalk Islands where fares found lots of big flounder along with the blackfish. Sand worms were the bait.

An encouraging report of increased weakfish activity in the Sound came from Phil Nasi of **Glen Cove Sports Shop** in the last few days, Phil spoke of a good showing of fish inshore along local beaches. A decent number of blues around also, with some big fish being found inside Hempstead Harbor on bunker. Phil Knox and Mac Peterson had fish of 9½ and 15 lbs. Al Gonzales weighed in a 7 lb. blackfish taken from the shore at Pryble Beach.

North Shore Report

by Marty Garrell

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

George Valentine at **Four Winds Bait and Tackle** in Huntington spoke of a good number of bluefish around along with a few bass and weakfish being trolled at buoys 13 and 15 on umbrella rigs and wire line. Casters working from boats have been getting in some good licks at the blues off of the Lilco plant as well. Fishing off of Eaton's Neck on Saturday, Vinnie Maiorana, Jr. used mackerel chunks to take an 11½ lb. weakfish along with a mess of blues. Also on Saturday, Jennifer Massie took an 8 lb. weakfish on an umbrella rig. Blackfishing overall has been good, according to George, with a lot of 4 and 5 lbers. being taken in Eaton's Neck and a 9½ lber. weighed in by Remy Alfino.

From his Huntington tackle Shop, Ronnie Ferraro of **Ronnie's Bait and Tackle** said that Saturday's action at buoy 13 was not bad with school bass, blues from 3-10 lbs. and weaks to 12 lbs. being trolled on umbrella rigs. Sunday was a tougher pick due to the weather. Blackfishing remained good at both 11B and 13. Mackerel come an go off of Sand City. Bluefish also seemed to be settling in at the Obstruction buoy and Ronnie was optimistic that a super abundant supply of sand eels in the triangle area will result in some hot fishing in the weeks ahead. He added that worm trollers continue to take some stripers along the Cold Spring Harbor shore line.

Blackfishing remained very good for fares sailing aboard Captain Packy Collins' **Ever Ready II**. Thursday and Friday's catches ranged between 6 12 fish per man, while Saturday's and Sunday's fishing, affected by east winds and rough seas dropped the average to around 4 fish per man. Seven year old Jimmy Malone of Flushing copped Saturday's pool with a 6¾ lb. tautog. Ron Lea of Dry Dock Seafood in Huntington copped Sunday's pool.

Captain Nick Manzari of the open boat **Speedy VII** has also been working over the local blackfish population. He's been splitting up his fishing between Eatons Neck and the pipeline and finding a mixture of some sea bass, porgies and flounder along with the blackfish. He called Saturday's fishing fair on the blacks, while Sunday was labelled as picky due to the nasty weather.

Boatmen have been doing well using mackerel and bunker chunks on 3-10 lb. bluefish off of Lilco, according to Tom Bowman of **Bowman's Sporting Goods in** Northport. He also added that there are some weaks around with no great amounts, but fish that are being taken are all big. Blackfishing remains good at buoy 13 Eatons Neck, while porgies and flounder round out the bottom scene. Best of this fishing has been east of the Lilco loading platform according to Tom, who added that prior to the weekend there was still some mackerel around.

Tim Caraftis at **Caraftis Fishing Station** in Port Jefferson told of good catches of porgies being made off Oldfield Point and Mt. Misery. Fish range up to 2 lbs. with both worms

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and clams proving effective. Blackfishing still good at Oldfield on clams and crabs, flounder still around, both in the Sound and in the harbor and some fluke beginning to show off the pink house and near the harbor entrance. Bluefish being trolled on umbrella rigs in the early morning hours at buoy 11 with some of the choppers ranging up to 12 lbs., according to Tim.

Over in Mt. Sinai, Dick Brown of **Dick's Sporting Goods**, spoke of blues for both trollers and casters working the waters off of Miller Place. Some weaks and an occasional bass have been mixed in as well. Blackfishing remains very good with crabs and worms and porgies show signs of steady improvement with worms the best bet here. Dick finished off by saying there are still some flounder around and fluke are making a showing in all the sandy bottom areas.

NORTH FORK

Ed Kopach of **Warren's Bait and Tackle** in Aquebogue briefed us on the action in Peconic Bay where it seems bluefish made a strong showing on diamond jigs at Jessup's. Also porgies and a few weaks in the bay on squid and sand worms near buoys 17 and 18. OUt in the Sound, good blackfishing with a few sea bass mixed in on clams near the pipeline and fluke getting started in the vicinity of Mattituck Inlet. Bluefish and weakfish action has been spotty for boatmen but a few fish are being taken. For shore casters, Mattituck Town beach has fluke on squid and blackfish are being taken at the Iron Pier.

Plenty of porgies at buoy 25 and the Middle Grounds according to Phil Loria of **Capt. Marty's Fishing Station** in New Suffolk. On Saturday, John Mergerson and Lester Graves had a mess of porgies up to 3½ lbs. on clams and worms. Also between buoys 18 and the radio tower there's been a decent showing of fish up to 2½ lbs. Incoming tide has been best for the porgies. Weakfishing showed some signs of life as evidenced by the catch of 8 weaks to 13¼ lbs. made in the North Race by Jack Hacher. He used squid and sand worm combos on outgoing water to take the elephants.

In Southold, Ace Cottral of **Port of Egypt Fishing Station** spoke of a good mixed bag with nice catches of porgies coming from buoy 18 and the Rose Grove on clam and worms. Chum is very important here reminded Ace. A good shot of blues from 2-4 lbs. at Jessup's on jigs with weaks from 5-11 lbs. if you can get below the blues. Red tubes on jigs or umbrella rigs are the key to the weakfish. Out at Orient, good flounder fishing is still available. Fish also in Petty's Bight. Blackfish up to 4 lbs. at Mulford Point and some also in the bay at buoys 17 and 18.

Art White of **A.P. White Bait Shop** in Greenport spoke of lots of blues down at Jessup's during the week and mentioned that Capt. Richie Jensen of the **Nancy Ann** was one of those to capitalize on the show of fish. Good fluke off of Horton's on sand eels and a few stripers on eels, bucktails and big Sekora eel tubes in Plum Gut. On Friday, Bonnie Petersen stopped into the shop with 8 big flounder including a couple in the 4 lb. class taken aboard the open boat **Brand X**.

Captain John Rainis of the **Blue Albatross** which sails open Monday through Friday, called the flounder fishing really improved this past week. The skipper has been working Gardiner's Island and finding fish from 1¾ lbs. on up to the 4½ lber. that Al Zimmerman took on Thursday. On Friday's trip, there was a good mix of blackfish with the flounder as demonstrated by Al Goldberg who finished the day with 18 flounder and 17 blacks. Sailing a charter from Musicaros Restaurant of Massapequa on Saturday, the captain again found a nice mix of flounder and blacks. Joe Jernick was the pool winner with a 6 lb. blackfish.

Surf Report

by Fred Golofaro

The name of the game in surf casting is being in the right place at the right time and for those not in the right place this weekend, it was easy enough to blame the weatherman and a steady flow of east winds. Judging by reports, however, quite a few people were in the right place this past week. If action wasn't great, it

was enough to satisfy most casters. Here's how things shaped up.

Bluefish remained well entrenched along the Staten Island shore according to Kevin Koncelik of **Santo's Sport Shop**. Fish ranged from 11 to 16 lbs. with smaller fish from 3-5 lbs. also roaming South Beach, Berger Avenue and Great Kills Park. Both plugs and bunker chunks continue to take their toll on the choppers. Kevin thought that that the body of bass that had been camped on the Brooklyn side of the Bight appears to be zeroing in on the hordes of bunker settled in around Staten Island. The bass fishing was highlighted by Bob Schettino's 55 lber. taken on a Pencil Popper at South Beach at the crack of dawn on Saturday.

Coming from the Jamaica Bay area are reports of some blues and weaks ranging anywhere from 3 on up to 15 lbs. at the North Channel bridge. Artie of **Cross Bay Bait and Tackle** who reported this said that bunker chunks fished on either tide after drk are doing the damage. Another trophy striper was taken during the week. Thornton Booker checked a 54 lb. cow into the shop. He took it on Wednesday at Breezy Point in the early AM on a bunker chunk.

Bernie Haag of **Long Beach Sports Marina** relayed word of a few 20 lb. class stripers being taken on bunker chunks off of the Rockway jetties. He also got wind of a couple of fish taken on bait from West End Jones Beach on bait during the week. Jason Colby of Long Beach checked in stripers of 34½ and 35 lbs. in the course of his week's fishing. One was taken on a bunker chunk and the other on a homemade plug in the Jones Beach area.

Fisherman Contributor Mike Campanelli found school bass up to 20'' Friday night through Saturday morning at West End Jones Beach. He took the fish on Alou eels and small swimming plugs. He also told of some lively action on the north shore of the Island. He witnessed a number of blues and weaks taken on TriFin eel worms and TriFin Whiptails at Caumsett Sunday evening and heard that there was an even better show of fish the prior evening. A couple of 5 lb. stripers were mixed with the blues and weaks which ranged up to 8 lbs.

Carl Miller of **Smokeys Bait and Tackle** in Bay Shore spoke of a pretty quiet surf scene with the exception of one caster by the name of Andy who stopped by the shop Saturday AM with a pair of 12 lb. stripers taken on loaded RedFins at Robert Moses at daybreak.

I was unable to track down any definite east end reports. A good showing of big stripers for boatmen in Shinnecock Inlet almost guarantees a good bet that some fish were taken from the east side jetty over the weekend.

Moving up to the north shore, Phil Nasi, speaking fromk **Glen Cove Sport Shop** told of Jeff Thom who worked the Matinecock shore for a pair of weaks weighing 8 and 10 lbs. There's been a good showing of weakfish from 6-10 lbs. and bass from 2-8 according to Phil. He, Dave Watt and a local named Tom drilled nine bass and weaks up to 10 lb. from the Glen Cove shore Saturday night. They used Felmlee rubber eels and jointed Rebels. Three to five lb. blues have been in and out along the beaches and Phil saw two big weaks taken from Pryble Beach Saturday morning.

Both Ronnie Ferrara of **Ronnie's Bait and Tackle** in Huntington and George Valentine of **Four Winds Bait and Tackle,** same town, told of a good showing of blues, weaks and a couple of bass at Caumsett. Tri-Fin eel worms and Whiptails seem to be the ticket here. Both also spoke of a consistent showing of blues along Crabmeadow and Mackamah Beaches with fish ranging anywhere from 3-9 lbs. being taken on tins and popping plugs. Evenings seem to be the best bet here.

From his Northport Tackle shop, Tom Bowman of **Bowman Sporting Goods** also filled us in on the action along Crabmeadow down to the power plant. Most of the blues are averaging around 5-6 lbs. with some down to 3 and some up to 10 being taken on TriFin Whiptails, assorted tins, and jointed Rebels. Best action has been on outgoing water. Tom also knew of school bass up to 12 lbs. chasing schools of squid during the evening hours along Ashroken. Tins and chrome poppers have been accounting for some of these fish for those able to gain access along this stretch of shore.

The big furor in the Mt. Sinai area is not the fishing, unfortunately, but the action by the Town of Brookhaven, which last week closed Landing Road (Miller Place beach) to not only non-residents but residents as well. Local sport fishermen are in an uproar over the action and hope to remedy the situation shortly. All fishermen in the Town of Brookhaven are urged to make their feelings know to the Town Supervisor's office in an effort to correct this injustice whereby innocent fishermen are suffering because of another case where it is easier to close down an area than to enforce existing restrictions.

Out on the north fork, Ed Kopak of **Warren's Bait and Tackle** in Aquebogue, told of a few bass being taken off of Riverhead beaches after dark on RedFins and Rebels. Some blueish news came from Ace Cottral of **Port of Egypt Fishing Station**. He told of weighing blues up to 15 lbs. taken a couple of evenings last week at Kenneys Beach and McCabes Beach on popping plug.

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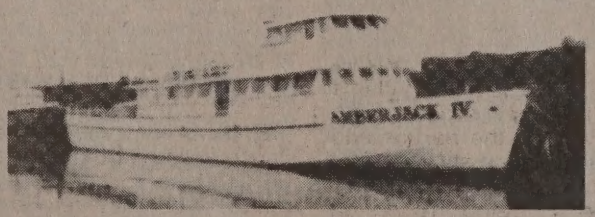

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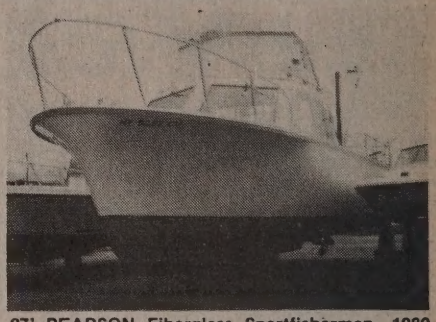

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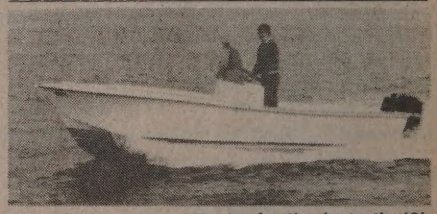

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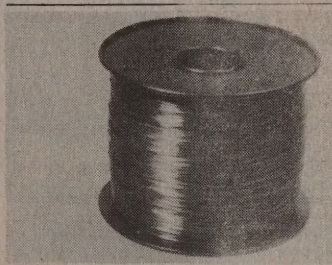

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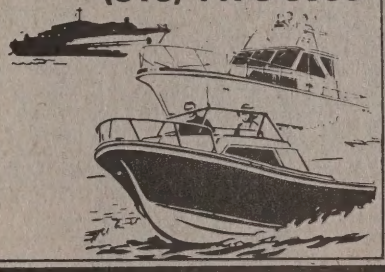

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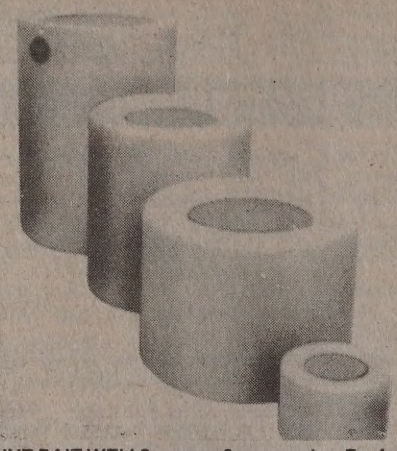

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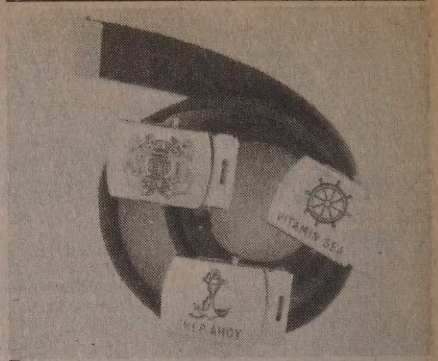

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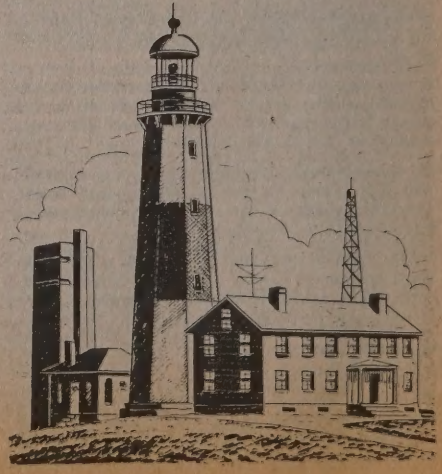

High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables:

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet...–0 50" is listed under "ON SANDY HOOK." –0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6¼ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	Breakwater Harbor AM	Breakwater Harbor PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGE-PORT AM	BRIDGE-PORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THUR.	4:35	5:10	5:20	6:00	5:00	5:45	6:15	6:45	7:45	8:15	8:00	8:25	4:40	5:10	6/17
FRI.	5:40	6:05	6:15	6:50	6:05	6:40	7:10	7:35	8:50	9:10	8:55	9:15	5:35	6:05	6/18
SAT.	6:35	7:00	7:10	7:40	7:05	7:35	8:05	8:25	9:50	10:10	9:50	10:15	6:30	6:55	6/19
SUN.	7:30	7:50	8:05	8:35	8:00	8:25	8:55	9:15	10:50	11:05	10:50	11:05	7:20	7:45	6/20
MON.	8:25	8:40	9:00	9:25	8:55	9:15	9:50	10:05	11:45	–	11:45	–	8:15	8:40	6/21
TUE.	9:15	9:35	9:55	10:20	9:50	10:10	10:45	11:00	12:00	12:45	12:00	12:35	9:05	9:30	6/22
WED.	10:10	10:25	10:50	11:10	10:50	11:10	11:40	11:55	12:55	1:45	12:55	1:35	10:00	10:25	6/23
THUR.	11:10	11:20	11:45	–	11:50	–	–	12:35	1:55	2:50	1:50	2:30	10:55	11:15	6/24

On SANDY HOOK

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	–0 01
Red Bank, Navesink, R.I.	+0 48
Long Branch	–0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	–0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	–0 12
Seaside Park	–0 33
Mantoloking zbridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	–0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	–0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	–0 26
Gt. Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 46
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNESEND INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	–0 02
Rehoboth Beach	–0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 14
SHINNECOCK INLET	–0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	–0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Harts Cove	+1 30
Pontunck Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	–0 38
Democrat Point	–0 38
Coast Guard Station	–0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	–0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	–0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	–0 00
Beach Ch. Bridge	+0 38
JFK Airport	+0 26

On BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	–0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	–0 08
Herod Point	–0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 19
Horton Point	–0 20
Truman Beach	–0 42
Falkner Island	–0 13
Sachem Head	–0 10
Branford Harbor	–0 07
New Haven Harbor	–0 08
Milford Harbor	–0 07
Stratford	+0 27
Shelton	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor	–0 03
Saugatuck River	–0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	–0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+0 27
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land	–0 14
Montauk Inlet	–0 25
Montauk Point	–1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington	–0 33
Noank, Mystic River	–0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove	–0 01
Norwich	+0 09
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook jetty	+1 10
Lyme	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On WILLETS PT.

Little Neck Bay	–0 10
Execution Light	–0 06
Manhasset Bay	–0 01
Hempstead Harbor	–0 11
City Island	–0 03
Rye Beach	–0 28
Port Chester	–0 09
Mamaroneck	–0 08
New Rocheele	–0 24
Davids Island	–0 02

On B'WATER HB.

CAPE MAY POINT	–0 10
Miami Beach	+1 17
East Point	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	–0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River Ent.	+0 33
St. Jones River Ent.	+0 57

On NEW YORK

Jersey City	+0 07
Geo. Washington Br.	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburg	+3 42

On NEWPORT

Sakonnet	–0 10
Tiverton	+0 21
Beavertail Point	–0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Pt.	+0 10
Bristol	+0 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayett Point	+0 12
Pawtucket	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	–0 08
Point Judith Harbor	–0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Old Harbor	–0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

6/18	5:24	8:38
6/19	5:24	8:38
6/20	5:24	8:39
6/21	5:24	8:39
6/22	5:24	8:39
6/23	5:24	8:39
6/24	5:24	8:39

Moonrise/Moonset

6/18	3:17AM	5:13PM
6/19	3:54AM	6:29PM
6/20	4:38AM	7:43PM
6/21	5:31AM	8:54PM
6/22	6:32AM	9:56PM
6/23	7:41AM	10:49PM
6/24	8:53AM	11:33PM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	2nd Qtr.
6/21	6/28	6/6	6/14

The Original Knight

SOLUNAR TABLES

When To Fish Or Hunt

The schedule of solunar periods for this week as printed below have been taken from the original ***KNIGHT SOLUNAR TABLES.*** Plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during these times when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold type face. The minor periods are shorter in duration and lighter type face.

	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	1:50	7:55	2:05	8:25
Fri.	2:40	8:45	2:55	9:15
Sat.	3:30	9:35	3:45	10:05
Sun.	4:20	10:30	4:40	11:05
Mon.	5:20	11:30	5:40	—
Tues.	6:20	12:05	6:50	12:40
Wed.	7:25	1:15	8:15	2:00
Thurs.	8:35	2:25	9:10	2:55

Daiwa's $50,000 Bluefish Derby & Fish-Off

Starting July 4th through Labor Day, from Rhode Island to New Jersey, it's Bluefish time! Because Daiwa is awarding $50,000 in prizes during their Bluefish Derby and Fish-Off.

Here's how the contest works.

Contestants will fish for Bluefish, with prizes being awarded every other week for the largest catch. There will be a total of eight bi-weekly winners.

Bi-weekly prizes will include a trip for two to a Northeast fishing spot, Daiwa Sealine® rods and reels and other tackle. Bi-weekly winners will also qualify for the right to compete for the Grand Prizes in the "Fish-Off" on September 4th and 5th.

First prize in the "Fish-Off" is a Ranger 622 boat with trailer, an Evinrude 175 h.p. motor, and electronics. Second prize is a Grumman 5.0 meter boat with trailer, an Evinrude 75 h.p. motor, and electronics. Other "Fish-Off" prizes include fantastic fishing trips for two to Casa Mar, Costa Rica, Plano tackle boxes, Gott coolers, Boone Bait lures and Daiwa Sealine® tackle.

Fish for Bluefish–help save the Striper!

$1.00 out of each $6.00 entry fee will be donated by Daiwa to the National Coalition for Marine Conservation, to help restore the striped bass fishery.

Entry forms are available from your local Daiwa dealer, or write Daiwa, $50,000 Bluefish Derby & Fish-Off ENTRY, P.O. Box 5418, Hicksville, N.Y. 11816.

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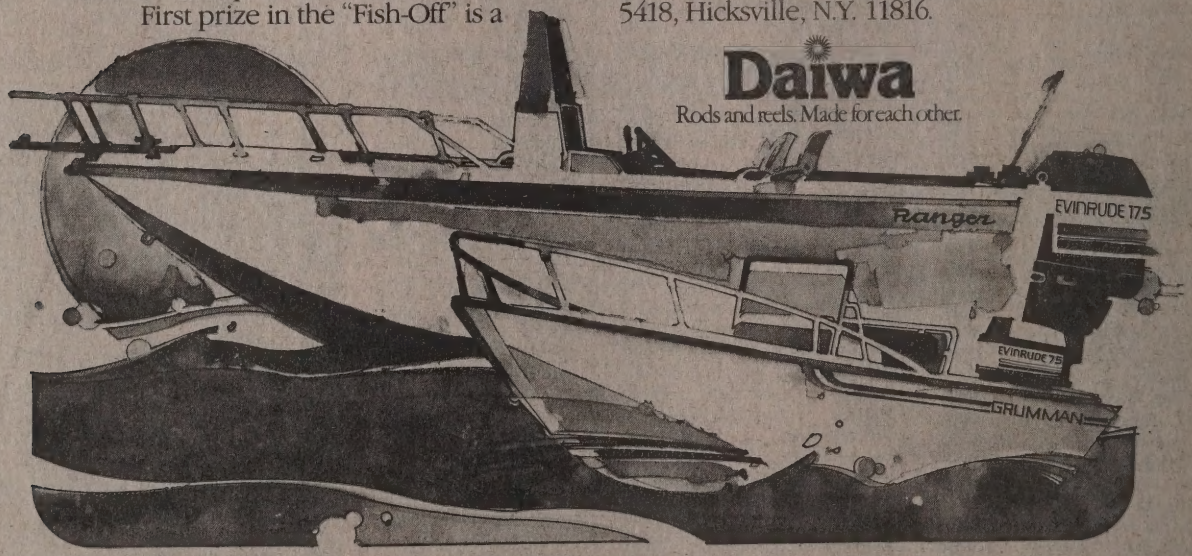

Tackle the big prizes with Sealine®

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Ted's Bait and Tackle
Bridgeport, CT
Fisherman's World, Inc.
East Norwalk, CT
Dee's Bait 'n Tackle
New Haven, CT
Brennan's of New England, Inc.
Waterford, CT
Hillyer's Tackle Shop
Waterford, CT
Wetmore's Marina, Inc.
Westbrook, CT

New York
Larkfield Sports Center
East Northport, NY
Glen Cove Sports Shop
Glen Cove, NY
Four Winds Bait & Tackle
Huntington Sta., NY
Beckmann's Tackle
Lynbrook, NY
John's Gun and Tackle
New Rochelle, NY
Angler's Den, Inc.
Selden, NY
Jack's Marine
Shelter Island Heights, L.I., NY
Port of Egypt Fishing Station
Southold, L.I., NY
Male-Town
White Plains, NY

Rhode Island
Ocean House Marina
Charlestown, RI
Top of the Dock Sports
Narragansett, RI
Wakefield Arms & Sports Center, Inc.
Wakefield, RI
Erickson Brothers, Inc.
Warwick, RI

Division South
New Jersey
Fisherman's Den
Belmar, NJ
Brielle Bait & Tackle
Brielle, NJ
M.V. Tackle
Brielle, NJ
Dosil's Sports Center
East Keansburg, NJ
Edelman's Sporting Goods
Pennsauken, NJ
Betty and Nick's Bait & Tackle
Seaside Park, NJ
Fred's Bait and Tackle
South Amboy, NJ
Bob Kislin's, Inc.
Toms River, NJ

New York
Augies Custom Tackle
Babylon, NY
Mike's Tackle
Brooklyn, NY
B & B Tackle & Sports
Center Moriches, NY
Hook Line & Sinker
Freeport, NY
Sea Isle Sports Center, Inc.
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